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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 10/12/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/11/64 - 10/5/64
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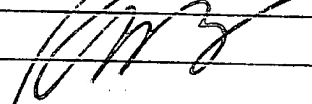
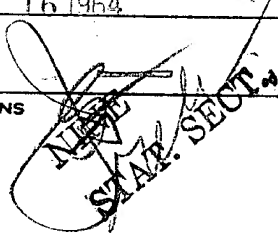
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To the Bureau:

2 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting
 characterization of informant used in this report.

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LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

1. Will attempt to identify [] of Chicago, Illinois, holder of Box 351 for the 1964 racing season at Arlington Park.
2. Will attempt to identify individual met on July 2, 1964, by driver of a 1961 or 1962 Oldsmobile bearing 1964 Wisconsin License [] and who was described as white male, late 50's, 5'8", gray hair and wearing glasses and observed at the Arlington Park Race Track.

The Chicago Division has since been furnished photographs in related cases on [] and WILLIAM COVELLI, as well as other individuals. There is the possibility that the driver of Oldsmobile referred to by Chicago Office met and conferred with [] of Racine or AL ALBANA of Kenosha, whom the Chicago Office subsequently identified as having been in contact with JOHN RIZZO.

3. Will, if not previously done, clarify the reference to "Subject" on page 2, paragraph 2 of Chicago airtel to Milwaukee dated 7/17/64, and will advise whether that refers to RIZZO or the driver of the 1961 or 1962 Oldsmobile.

THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

At Indianapolis, Indiana

1. Will verify 1964 Indiana License [] registered to [] for a 1958 Ford, blue over white, retractible hardtop.

2. Will identify male who used automobile on July 22, 1964, at the residence of JOHN RIZZO, Racine County, Wisconsin, and ascertain the background of both [] and the user of said automobile.

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will follow activities of JOHN C. RIZZO to determine whether he has resumed gambling activities in the Kenosha area, and if so, whether

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin (Continued)

such activity might be a violation of federal statutes.

2. Will maintain contact with sources of information for current activities of gamblers and former associates of Subject RIZZO.

At Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will endeavor to ascertain current contacts with RIZZO by [] and [].
2. Will maintain contact with representatives of Special Detail, Racine Police Department, for current activities and associates of Subject.
3. Will maintain contact with various sources of information who are acquainted with Subject's activities and his associates.
4. Will attempt to identify subjects in photo furnished by the Chicago Office and who were in contact with RIZZO at the Arlington Race Track.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will obtain toll call records of telephones from which RIZZO called, at the approximate time indicated, as shown in instant report, and if toll call records are available, obtain them in such manner that they might possibly be introduced into evidence at a later date. (leads previously set out by Milwaukee office memo.
2. Will maintain contact with informants and other sources regarding the activities of JOHN RIZZO and his known associates.
3. Will attempt to determine extent of future contacts by RIZZO with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and the "outfit."
4. Will at the Milwaukee Police Department, Bureau of Identification, and/or through Special Assignment Squad. Milwaukee Police Department, attempt to obtain photograph of [], date of birth []

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The investigative period of this report has been extended to include information that was not available at the time of the previous report and also due to the fact Agent to whom case is currently assigned was utilized on surveillance work and also absent on EAL during the period of the report.

Other offices covering leads and furnishing Milwaukee information should designate correspondence to both of the Milwaukee files, 92-164 and 166-79.

Some of the listed referenced communications were transmitted under Milwaukee file on "JOHN RIZZO; ITAR - GAMBLING," MI 166-79, but are equally significant to this file entitled, "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO; AR," Milwaukee file 92-164, and therefore these communications are being referenced.

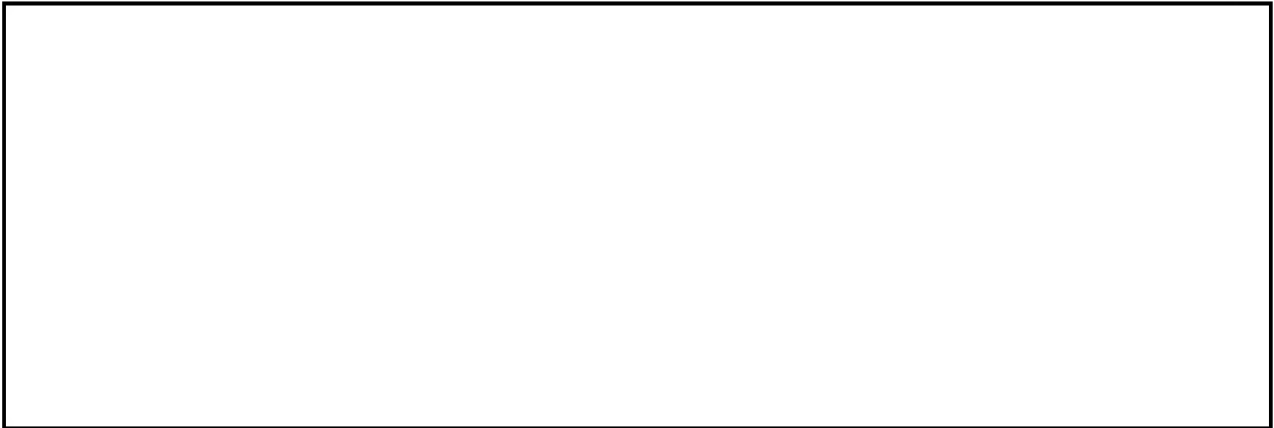
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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is who was contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY. b7D

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Copy to:

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Report of:
Date:

SA [REDACTED]

10/12/64

Office:

MILWAUKEE

Field Office File #:

MI 92-164

Bureau File #:

92-5012

Title:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject RIZZO in early July, 1964, was observed at Arlington Park Race Track, Chicago, Illinois, and on occasion was in contact with other individuals who were not completely identified. RIZZO in contact with driver of Oldsmobile bearing 1964 Wisconsin License [REDACTED] on 7/10/64. This license was registered to [REDACTED] Back-ground information regarding [REDACTED] set out. Reliable source has advised that in early July, 1964, RIZZO made a lot of money on two fixed horse races at Arlington Park, Illinois. In early September, 1964, RIZZO was observed at the Arlington Park Race Track and was seen placing bets at the windows. An individual tentatively identified as ALBANA, Kenosha, Wisconsin, observed at Arlington Park Race Track either with or in contact with RIZZO. Other individuals in contact with RIZZO also observed but not identified, and efforts being made to identify these persons.

- p - ALBERT ALBANA

DETAILS:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MI T-1 on June 11, 1964, advised that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI were still going to the track in Chicago every day and booking from the club house.

On July 10, 1964, an Agent of the Chicago Office observed JOHN RIZZO enter the Arlington Park Race Track, proceed

to the club house and to one of the rooms in which bets over \$50 are placed.

On July 10, 1964, Chicago Agents observed a 1963 dark green Lincoln, 1964 Wisconsin License N42-766, which license is registered to Subject JOHN RIZZO. The occupant of this car was observed to enter Gate 9 of the Arlington Park Race Track, Arlington Heights, Illinois. RIZZO's car was followed by a 1961 or 1962 Oldsmobile bearing 1964 Wisconsin License [redacted] which automobile contained three white male passengers. These vehicles were seen to park in the Northwest preferred parking section of the race track and the occupants entered the club house area. Prior to entering the club house area the driver of the Lincoln, tentatively identified from photographs as Subject JOHN RIZZO, spoke with the three occupants of the Oldsmobile; however once entering the race track proper they did not again meet while under observation. The driver of the Oldsmobile hereinafter referred to as the unknown male, but not identical with JOHN RIZZO, was observed to make several bets at the daily double window prior to the running of the first race. b6 b7C

In addition, he was observed to make bets at the \$50/\$100 window immediately prior to each of the first three races. During the interim he observed each race from Box C148 in the club house. During the time the unknown male was under observation he was observed to speak to only three white males, each separately, none of whom were known to Chicago Agents. Between running of the second and third race, the unknown male was observed to converse briefly on the third floor of the club house in front of the \$2.00 window with a second unknown white male, in his late 50's, possibly 5'8" tall, medium build, gray hair, medium complexion, wearing glasses and sport clothes, who was seated with his back to the stairwell leading to the second floor. This person was observed to point to the names of various horses appearing on his racing program which were to run in the remaining races that day. The unknown male was observed to write numbers down on the face of his program each time the unknown male pointed. After the second unknown male pointed to the last race the unknown male handed him what appeared to be two \$10 bills. They then separated and the unknown male proceeded to the \$2.00 window where he appeared to make some bets.

The unknown male was observed during the first four races at Arlington Track, Monday, July 13, 1964, at which time he visited the \$50/\$100 window on the second floor of the club house. He again occupied Box 148 during each race. On only one occasion did he visit the \$50 window after racing. This was immediately after

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the first race. He was observed to do nothing which suggested that he was actively booking at the track.

On Tuesday, July 14, 1964, spot checks were made during the first four races at Arlington Track at which time the unknown male was not observed nor was his car located in any of the parking lots.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

A review of Wisconsin automobile registration for the year 1964 indicates that 1964 Wisconsin License [redacted] is listed to one

on a 1960 Oldsmobile four-door sedan.

A review of the Credit Bureau records indicates one [redacted] residing at [redacted] has been known to Credit Bureau files since November 18, 1958. According to Credit Bureau records, [redacted] has been employed by Pasquale's Pizza as a cook, 3706 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, since 1957, and that he presently lives with his parents at the above address.

On August 11, 1964, [redacted] Bureau of Identification, Milwaukee Police Department, furnished Milwaukee Police Department Bureau of Identification [redacted] which contained the following information concerning one [redacted] as follows:

Date of Birth:
Parents:

[redacted]

Milwaukee Police Department records indicate [redacted] has nine traffic arrests dating back to April 3, 1955. On February 19, 1957, he was arrested by the Milwaukee Police Department for driving an automobile after expiration of his operator's license; after being placed under arrest for this offense a search of his automobile disclosed a two-foot butt end of a pool cue under the front seat. Records indicate that [redacted] associates with burglary suspects in the greater Milwaukee area. He is described in police department files as follows:

Race:
Sex:
Height:
Weight:

[redacted]

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Hair:
Eyes:
Complexion:
Occupation:
Social Security No.:



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On August 11, 1964, a review of the records of the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds Office indicated that [redacted] was born to [redacted] in [redacted] on [redacted] which is recorded on page number 5975, Docket 8441-1937.

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A review of Milwaukee Office indices indicates [redacted] has associated with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI in the past and is known to have been in the company of some of the younger hoodlum element in the BALISTRIERI outfit.

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MI T-1 on July 13, 1964, advised that JOHN RIZZO had definitely gone to the Arlington Race Track Monday and Tuesday, July 6 and 7, 1964. Informant further stated that RIZZO, while there, made a lot of money on two fixed horse races. He further advised that [redacted] did not go to the track during the week of July 6, 1964, and he explained that SAM CEFALU had to move from the duplex on the Milwaukee east side where he was living inasmuch as it had been sold.

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MI T-1 further stated that the books carry on their business at the Arlington Race Track on the first landing on the second floor of the club house. He said that it is glass enclosed and is the closest point to the finish line that one can find.

Informant also advised that these books also hang around the "ready" before races and pick up tips and bets there. He stated that the books keep a record of their bets on the track sheets and tout sheets which they usually carry in their hands. He related that usually the betting was done on a credit basis, but in a few cases the books do take money from an individual when the bet is placed and then paid off after the race if the bettor wins.

On August 3, 1964, MI T-1 advised that on [redacted]

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Informant stated that he also heard that JOHN RIZZO claimed that gambling is really closed down at Kenosha at the present time. RIZZO indicated that he and COVELLI were not worried about the Kenosha John Doe then in progress, and according to various sources, informant states, he had heard that RIZZO was obtaining information concerning the happenings at the John Doe.

MI T-1 on August 31, 1964, advised that [REDACTED]

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Informant further related that on the night of [REDACTED] he saw JOHN RIZZO, WILLIAM COVELLI and AL ALBANA in the [REDACTED]. They were not with any known Milwaukee gamblers at the time or any known associates of BALISTRIERI.

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By communication dated September 17, 1964, the Chicago Office advised that on September 8, 1964, RIZZO was not observed at the track.

On September 9, 1964, RIZZO was observed at the first and eighth races. He was seen to visit the \$50 window on the third floor of the club house immediately prior to the eighth race.

On September 10, 1964, RIZZO, accompanied by a white male passenger, was observed to drive from Wisconsin in RIZZO's 1963 Lincoln to Arlington Park. RIZZO's companion was tentatively identified at the track as ALBERT ALBANA of Kenosha, Wisconsin, a known associate of Subject RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI. RIZZO was observed from the first through the ninth races, prior to which he visited a betting window where a minimum allowable wager was \$50. RIZZO met with ALBANA several times during the day, but they did not sit together; however, they departed the track after the races together in RIZZO's automobile.

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On September 11, 1964, RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI were observed at the Arlington Park Race Track from the first through the eighth race. They were seen to meet between races, but did not sit together.

On Saturday, September 12, 1964, none of the above-mentioned individuals were observed at the track between the first and fifth races.

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On September 14, 1964, RIZZO was observed alone from the first through the 9th race. He was seen to visit a \$50 betting window before each race with the exception of the 7th race.

At no time during the various dates mentioned above that RIZZO and/or COVELLI were under observation did they appear to engage in any activity which could be identified as on-track book making. RIZZO in fact gave the appearance of being a "loner" who had little to do with anyone while he was at the track.

The last day of the Arlington Park racing season was September 14, 1964.

On September 10, 1964, three male individuals were observed speaking to RIZZO during the course of the racing session that day. One individual, who accompanied RIZZO to the track from Wisconsin and departed the track with him, was believed to be ALBERT ALBANA of Kenosha, Wisconsin, a known associate of JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI. The other two individuals with whom RIZZO had contact are not identified. RIZZO was observed to visit before and after several of the races on September 10, 1964, with several of the individuals occupying Box 351. Records made available to Agents of the Chicago Office indicate that that box holder for the 1964 season at Arlington Park was one [redacted] of Arlington Park.

At Racine, Wisconsin

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Surveillances were conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] of the Milwaukee Office in the area of the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, 1908 Emmertson Road, Racine County, between July 6 and 10, 1964, inclusive.

On July 6, 1964, JOHN RIZZO was observed leaving his residence during the morning of this date in his 1963 dark green Lincoln, 1964 Wisconsin License N42-666. RIZZO drove around downtown Racine, Wisconsin and was lost in traffic when it was believed he was headed toward Highway 38 and Interstate 194, which leads to Illinois.

On July 10, 1964, at approximately 1:45 PM, RIZZO in his personal car, a 1963 dark green Lincoln, was observed leaving his residence and traveling on Highway 20 to Interstate 194, which highway RIZZO entered. Contact with RIZZO was then terminated.

On July 22, 1964, spot checks of the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in Racine County, Wisconsin, revealed a two-tone white and

green or white and off-color blue Ford, approximately 1958 model, parked in RIZZO's driveway. This car had 1964 Indiana License [redacted]. A man was observed to be sitting on the edge of the front seat part way in the automobile, but by reason of the position of the car it was impossible to obtain a clear view of the individual for the purpose of obtaining a description and ascertaining his identity. However, he appeared to have dark hair, medium to heavy build and to be approximately 30 - 40 years of age. His height and weight could not be estimated. He was not wearing glasses at the time he was observed, nor is there any indication that he wears glasses.

Through cooperative assistance of the Racine, Wisconsin Police Department it was reported that this car was registered to [redacted] for a 1958 Ford, blue over white, retractible hardtop.

Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised that as of approximately 3:30 AM that morning one of his sources had observed what was believed to be the same car in RIZZO's driveway, but the license obtained was the same as listed above without the letter [redacted] which letter is smaller than adjoining numbers and, according to [redacted] was probably missed due to the position of the car and darkness of the rural area.

On August 6, 1964, Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised that JOHN RIZZO's 1964 Wisconsin auto license expired in July of 1964, and that his new 1965 Wisconsin license was N29-655.

Captain [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin Police Department, on August 14, 1964, advised that on Saturday, August 8, 1964, he had occasion to pass the residence of JOHN RIZZO, Emmertson Road, Racine County, at approximately 11:15 AM, at which time he had observed JOHN RIZZO in front of his house in the company of [redacted] and one other individual unknown to Captain [redacted]. [redacted] car was parked in front of RIZZO's house. Later the same day Captain [redacted] again observed [redacted] car; however, RIZZO's 1963 Lincoln was gone from the premises.

[redacted] and [redacted] are known gamblers who have been arrested for gambling in the Racine, Wisconsin area.

Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, and Special Agent [redacted] on the dates indicated observed JOHN CHARLES RIZZO make telephone calls from the following listed telephones:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Telephone No. Called From</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/8/64	634-9401 (Spring Street & Hwy. 31)	11:11 AM - 11:13 AM
9/11/64	634-9675 (Franksville; Caledonia, Mt. Pleasant Memorial Park)	11:13 AM
9/11/64	634-9409 (Franksville, city)	11:23 AM
9/11/64	634-9401 (Spring Street & Hwy. 31)	12:03 PM

With regard to September 10, 1964, although JOHN RIZZO was not specifically observed making a telephone call from the lobby of the Clayton House, Washington Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, it was believed that based on other investigation he did make a telephone call or telephone calls from that area, since he was tentatively identified as being a possible user of that telephone. The telephone number at that locale is 634-9891, and the time he was observed in the area of the lobby of the Clayton House was between 11:10 AM and 11:37 AM.

Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, on September 14, 1964, September 24, 1964 and October 1, 1964, advised that spot checks conducted by him of RIZZO's residence had failed to indicate anything of a pertinent nature.

Spot checks of the residence of JOHN RIZZO, Racine County, Wisconsin, by Agents of the Milwaukee Office failed to reflect any pertinent activity.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

October 12, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference: Report of SA [REDACTED]
Milwaukee, dated and captioned as
above.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 12, 1964

Re: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of the informant used
in the report of SA [redacted] Milwaukee, dated
October 12, 1964:

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Date: 4/13/65

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FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) P
SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Bureau 0-1 in which Milwaukee Office indicated report would be submitted 4/14/65. Agent to whom case is assigned has been involved on case involving a number of car thefts, three of which have already been recovered and process for one individual, plus being called before Federal Grand Jury at headquarters city.

Report will be submitted by 4/21/65.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA Milwaukee, 12/11/64,
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Milwaukee airtel to Chicago dated 1/30/65 (IO);
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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau - Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants utilized in this report.

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At Chicago, Illinois

Will attempt to develop further information regarding the identity and background of unknown individual Number 3, who was observed by Chicago Agents to be in the company of Subject RIZZO during the 1964 fall racing season at Chicago, Illinois.

Will endeavor to develop additional background information on [REDACTED]

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At Waukegan, Illinois

Will obtain photo (if available) of [REDACTED] at Waukegan Sheriff's Office (No. [REDACTED]) as well as determine his arrest record.

At Park City, Illinois

Will attempt to determine and set out in detail the progress of arrangements made to date concerning JOHN RIZZO's possible interest in the Park City Key Club.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will continue to follow the activities of Subject RIZZO through various sources to determine whether there is any possible Federal violation involved.

At Racine, Wisconsin

Will maintain contact with the Special Squad, Racine Police Department, to continue following activities of Subject.

Will attempt to identify additional associates of RIZZO for purpose of determining possible violations of Federal and State law.

Will conduct other investigation as required.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will through sources and informants continue to determine visits with FRANK BALISTRIERI and other members of the "outfit."

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Will attempt to ascertain whether visits of RIZZO are for a specific purpose or objective, if possible.

Will consider feasibility of contacting PCI [] to discover whether PCI now knows JOHN RIZZO since RIZZO was to acquire a piece of the action in "The Campus Lounge" at Racine, Wisconsin.

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MI T-1 is [] who is contacted regularly by SA []

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MI T-2 is [] who is contacted regularly by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

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MI T-3 is [] who is contacted regularly by SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND.

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MI T-4 is [] (requested). []
[]
contacted by SA [] of the Chicago Office.

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While the period of this report appears to be somewhat extended, the case has been afforded continuous investigative attention and the investigation has been kept current as reflected by a number of interoffice communications. Investigation regarding Subject has also been reported in case entitled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka., ITAR - GAMBLING," Milwaukee file 166-79.

Information included in current report that either was not available at time report in this matter was last submitted or that might have been included in the ITAR - GAMBLING matter, but is being set forth again for purpose of logically having the information available in instant file.

In effort to further protect the identity of informants, they

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have not been given any area designation in the body of the report but merely set out under "Details" and under "Milwaukee" as the locale.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
April 20, 1965

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject JOHN RIZZO, reported to be in regular, if not frequent touch, with FRANK PETER ~~BALISTRIERI~~ at Milwaukee, Wis. RIZZO said by various sources as being active and present in the La Strada A-Go-Go Club, Kenosha, Wis., which caters to the teen age group in the form of dancing. It is not known whether he owns part of the operation, but in connection with it, is in close contact with "WEISER" COVELLI, and AL ALBANA. RIZZO also reported by sources to have been interested in getting in "The Campus" or "The Campus Lounge" at Racine, Wis. An article in local Racine, Wis. newspaper dated 3/18/65 said that tax liens had been filed against Mr. and Mrs. JOHN C. RIZZO in the amount of \$15,679 in Federal Court by Internal Revenue Service for years 1956 through 1961.

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DETAILS: At Racine, Wisconsin

Detective [REDACTED] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised on December 18, 1964 that he had seen JOHN C. RIZZO making a telephone call from the telephone booth in the 1500 block of Douglas Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, on August 11, 1964. Detective [REDACTED] stated that he observed

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RIZZO at approximately 11:05 a.m. and that he continues with the call until approximately 11:18 a.m., at which time he saw RIZZO walk across the street to his car which he entered and drove away.

Detective [] advised that the telephone booth used by RIZZO had telephone Number listed as 634-9748.

Detective [] further stated that he had noted RIZZO's activities but that particular significance of this call of RIZZO's did not appear until a later date.

On January 5, 1965 MI T-3 stated that JOHN RIZZO visited the Strouf-Sheffield Funeral Home, 1001 High Street, Racine, Wisconsin, on the evening of January 3, 1965 where JACK AINNELLO lay in state. Informant stated that AINNELLO had been a bootlegger during prohibition days, but later was employed as a foundry worker. He died at the age of 77. Informant stated that FRANK PETER BALISTRERI, PETER FRANK BALISTRERI and several other persons from Milwaukee and Kenosha also visited the funeral home on the evening of January 3, 1965.

Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised on January 18, 1965 that through confidential sources who have previously furnished reliable information, he had heard that JOHN RIZZO had gone to work at the La Strada A-Go-G- at Kenosha, Wisconsin. Detective [] advised at a later date he had heard that RIZZO's salary was supposed to be approximately \$90 to \$100 weekly.

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It is to be noted that one of the owners of the La Strada A-Go-Go is WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and further that in recent times AL ALBANA was also reported as working there.

In connection with use of Box 351 at the Arlington Park Race Track by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and [] Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised on January 27, 1965 that their department has received information in the past that when PETE CEPAKUNAS of Racine, Wisconsin, who is now deceased, would go to the Arlington Park Race Track, he was also said to have used the box []

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According to Detective [] CEPAKUNAS was a tavern owner and long reputed to be a gambler, if not a "bookie" in Racine. CEPAKUNAS was well known in gambling circles.

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An article appeared in the Racine Journal-Times on March 18, 1965, a local Racine, Wisconsin daily newspaper, in which the article related that tax liens totaling \$15,679 have been filed in Federal Court against Mr. and Mrs. JOHN C. RIZZO of 1906 Emmertsen Road. The liens were for income tax allegedly owed for the years 1956 through 1961.

The article went on to say that RIZZO had agreed in U.S. Tax Court in October, 1964, to pay \$12,964 in taxes and penalties on \$57,013 in income from gambling which the Internal Revenue Service said RIZZO realized during the six years involved but had failed to report.

Spot checks have periodically been made on RIZZO's residence in Racine County, Wisconsin for pertinent activity by the Special Squad of the Racine Police Department and by Bureau Agents, but with negative results. It has been noted that the glass windows in RIZZO's garage have been painted and he keeps the door to his garage closed, thus eliminating ready observation from a distance as to whether either or both of his cars are gone.

MI T-1 has advised in the early part of January, 1965, that "talk" at Kenosha, Wisconsin has it that JOHN RIZZO and "WEISER" COVELLI are either buying or "getting into" a place at Racine, Wisconsin known as "The Campus" or "Campus Lounge" which is quite well known in Racine. It has a basement location. RIZZO and COVELLI plan on catering to the younger crowd as they have at the La Strada A-Go-Go at Kenosha.

"WEISER" COVELLI used to be the partner or associate of RIZZO when they used to run a "big game" at Kenosha, a couple of years ago.

In mid-February, 1965, MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZO had been seen a number of times at the La Strada A-Go-Go of Kenosha, Wisconsin and is said to be there nearly every night after 9:00 p.m.

It was believed that he was not only working there but also supposedly observing the operations in order to handle a

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place of his own, which could be "The Campus" and which RIZZO is supposed to open soon.

AL ALBANA, a former gambling associate of both RIZZO and COVELLI, is not seen doing as much of the cooking at the La Strada as he formerly did, but he is still "hanging" around the club every night and acting he "owns the place."

MI T-1 advised that on Friday, March 19, 1965, a number of gamblers and hoodlums were reported to have gotten together during the evening for a lengthy meeting. Place of meeting was unknown, but among those present were reported to be "WEISER" COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO and [redacted] of the Kenosha, Wisconsin Police Department. b6 b7C

As of December 22, 1964 JOHN RIZZO, of Racine County, according to MI T-2, had been in Milwaukee during the evening and had [redacted] b7D

MI T-2 advised that RIZZO was also in Milwaukee on January 18, 1965 and was to meet with FRANK BALISTRIERI.

MI T-2 advised that on January 29, 1965 JOHN RIZZO was visiting in Milwaukee and that RIZZO stated he was to meet with FRANK BALISTRIERI later that day.

MI T-2 advised that JOHN C. RIZZO had been in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the night of [redacted] b7D

On March 15, 1965 MI T-4, who has been contacted previously in this matter, was provided with photographs of unknown subjects one and two and three. MI T-4 advised that he had developed a source who he believed might be able to provide identifying data concerning the individuals depicted in the photographs.

On March 19, 1965 MI T-4 was recontacted. He advised that his source had identified unknown subject number three as an individual who frequents the various Chicago area race tracks and who was very frequently with [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
[redacted] MI T-4 stated the source did not know the individual's name, but advised that he would be in a position to obtain it in the near future.

[redacted] has Waukegan, Illinois Sheriff's No [redacted] is well known to the Chicago Office in the Chicago area gambling field and on track bookmaker. With regard to [redacted] Subject RIZZO sat during the past racing meet at Arlington Park, MI T-4 advised as follows:

He had made inquiry among individuals familiar with [redacted] who operates a [redacted]
[redacted] and had learned that [redacted] would be highly undependable to contact relative to the individuals [redacted]
[redacted] MI T-4 advised that his source, who knows [redacted] well, characterized him as an alcoholic, undependable, and a woman chaser.

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Date January 15, 1965

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On 1/12/65 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-164by SA [redacted] /sbt/jb Date dictated 1/12/65b6
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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Kenosha County, on March 2, 1965 advised that he and another officer had been at the La Strada A-Go-Go, located on 52nd Street, Kenosha, during the early evening of March 1, 1965. At that time he saw and spoke to AL ALBANA, who was working in the kitchen at the time and he also saw JOHN C. RIZZO from Racine County.

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RIZZO walked from one part of the night club to another, apparently avoiding the law enforcement officers and after several turns around the club, RIZZO suddenly grabbed his hat and coat and left the club. Deputy [redacted] stated that upon leaving the place shortly thereafter, he observed RIZZO driving away in his Lincoln Continental.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 20, 1965

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

April 20, 1965

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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
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The following is a characterization of informants used in
the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned
as above:

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MI T-1 is [redacted]

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MI T-2 is [redacted]

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MI T-3 is [redacted]

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MI T-4 is [redacted]

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TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY jah
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REFERENCES

Report of SA Milwaukee 4/20/65
 Chicago letter to Milwaukee 5/26/65 (IO)
 Chicago letter to Milwaukee 6/29/65 (IO)
 Milwaukee airtel to Chicago 6/29/65 (IO)

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2):

2 copies of a LHM characterizing informants utilized in this report.

LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILL.Will determine whether has an arrest record and

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particularly whether there are any gambling arrests for him.

2. Will endeavor to ascertain through contacts and sources whether [] a known gambler of Racine, Wis. has been at the Chicago race tracks.

3. Will, if such is established, attempt to determine whether he has been there with JOHN RIZZO or been in contact with RIZZO at the tracks. (Leads on [] set forth previously.)

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT KENOSHA, WIS.

1. Will continue to determine the activities of Subject RIZZO through various sources to ascertain whether there is any possible Federal violation involved.
2. Will display photograph of [] to established informants and sources, to determine whether or not he has been known to be in Racine, Wis. and particularly to have visited Greco's Restaurant in the company of RIZZO.

AT RACINE, WIS.

1. Will continue to maintain contact with the Special Squad, Racine PD, in an effort to determine further activities of Subject RIZZO.
2. Will continue efforts to identify additional associates of RIZZO for the purpose of determining the scope of RIZZO's current operation in Racine or elsewhere.
3. Will conduct other investigation as deemed appropriate.

AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

1. Will through sources and informants continue to follow the visits of JOHN RIZZO at Milwaukee, Wis.
2. Will through sources and informants ascertain the purpose and reason for RIZZO's contact with FRANK BALISTRIERI and other members of the "Outfit".

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3. Will determine through PCI [] whether JOHN RIZZO has any further interest in the "Campus Lounge" at Racine.

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4. Will ascertain whether RIZZO is personally known to PCI [] at this date.

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MI T-1 is [] contacted regularly by SA []

MI T-2 is [] (requested), [] and [] contacted by SAS [] and [] of the Chicago FBI Office.

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MI T-3 is [] who is contacted regularly by SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND.

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In an effort to further protect the identity of the informants, they have not been given any specific area designation in the body of the report, but information they have furnished has merely been set out under "Details" and under "Milwaukee" as the locale.

On occasion there has been reference to various night clubs that JOHN RIZZO has shown an interest in acquiring. For purpose of clarification of RIZZO's apparent operations, as well as associations, Capt. [] Waukegan, Ill. PD on 12/7/64, confidentially advised that he had heard through a very reliable source that WILLIAM COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO, FRANK BALISTRIERI and a fourth man from Milwaukee, Wis., had met on Friday, 12/4/64, presumably in the area of Waukegan, Ill., and consummated a deal whereby these individuals would buy 50% of "The Key Club". The Key Club is located at Park City (Waukegan area).

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With respect to clarifying another portion of instant report, as well as furnishing pertinent information, on 5/4/65, [] advised SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON & ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND that he

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Informant said []

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 7/27/65

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Unknown associate of JOHN RIZZO while at the Chicago, Ill. race tracks in fall season of 1964, tentatively identified as one [REDACTED] a reported race track habitue. [REDACTED] of Chicago, Ill. [REDACTED] RIZZO has been observed to use, described as virtually an "alcoholic". Negotiations to sell the "Key Club", Park City, Ill. to FRANK BALISTRIERI and associates terminated. RIZZO still active in the La Strata A-Go-Go Club, Kenosha, Wis., spending great portion of his time there. Other hoodlum type associates seen visiting with RIZZO at this club.

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 21, 1965, MI T-2 advised that unknown subject number three, whose photograph was obtained after being observed by Chicago Agents in the company of Subject RIZZO during the 1964 fall racing season at Chicago, was known to him as [REDACTED]. He provided the following information concerning [REDACTED] b6 b7C

[REDACTED] During the past Florida racing season informant observed [REDACTED] at both Hialeah and Sunshine Park. T-2 [REDACTED] b6 b7C b7D

[REDACTED] He had observed [REDACTED]

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[] in the Miami area immediately prior to his departure. He does not know what [] current activities were, but that he had observed him in the company of several race horse owners and had heard that [] had made several visits to a gambling casino on the Island of Freeport off the Florida Coast. T-2 stated he had not observed [] in the Chicago area, but based on [] activities last year he expected that [] would again come to the Chicago area during the extended Arlington Park Race Track summer meet.

T-2 described [] as follows:

Race
Sex
Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Complexion
Build
Peculiarities

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In regard to [] Subject RIZZO was observed to sit during last year's meet at Arlington Park, T-2 stated he considered [] completely unreliable and virtually a total alcoholic. He said [] and his wife were attending races at Sportsman Park on a daily basis and that both of them were invariably inebriated. He advised that to question [] concerning any activities would in his opinion serve no purpose, but would probably hurt the investigation.

On May 26, 1965, [] advised that negotiations to sell the "Key Club", Park City, Illinois to FRANK BALISTRIERI and his associates, never better known, ceased in January, 1965. The original proposition from which they were negotiating was that they would take a two year lease at \$1,200 per month with option to buy at the end of the two years for \$160,000. 50% of the lease money would be applied against the \$160,000. As discussions progressed, they being represented by DOMINIC H. FRINZI, former candidate for governor of Wisconsin, it appeared that [] was to be involved in the club and this is not what he, [] wanted. For example, they were going to restock the club with liquor, but wanted him to put up some money towards such stock to "show his good faith". He wanted them to come with him to meet some of the creditors he was trying to stave off, but they would never do so. He became afraid that he was going to get involved with a group of people he could not trust and broke off negotiations.

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On June 2, 1965, Deputy [redacted] Lake County Sheriff's Office, Waukegan, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] that their records reflect that [redacted]

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He said that [redacted] was one of many customers arrested at a large scale gambling operation after a raid by the Sheriff's Office with the FBI present. The game was [redacted] of Antioch, Illinois, and [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, reported for Chicago hoodlum [redacted]

Their files reflect the following description:

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Subject RIZZO was observed on June 21, 1965, at Arlington Park Race Track immediately prior to the third race. He was located in the same general area on the third floor of the clubhouse which he frequented during the 1964 fall racing season. During the brief period, he was under observation, neither he nor [redacted] was observed to speak to one another.

On April 15, 1965, MI T-1 advised that AL ABANA was then residing in a small apartment on the second floor above the La Strata "A-Go-Go" Club, 1714 52nd Street, Kenosha, which continues to be run and operated by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI. The second floor of the club is said to have some 14 rooms which are divided into approximately four apartments. AL ABANA continues to frequent the La Strata "A-Go-Go" Club nearly every night and on several occasions has been seen there recently in the company of DOMINIC "POPS" PRINCIPE and other individuals. Observed together

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on occasion have been ALBANA, PRINCIPE, BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO. ALBANA has been said to be a close friend of the [redacted] and at one time they used to fish together.

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MI T-1 stated that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI is said to be doing very well financially at the La Strata "A-Go-Go" and it is a real "money maker". RIZZO is seen there practically every night; however, it is not known specifically what his financial interest is in the club.

MI T-1 further stated that in recent times there has been little or no mention made concerning the acquiring of the Campus Lounge at Racine, Wisconsin by JOHN RIZZO or any of his associates.

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MI T-3 advised on May 4, 1965, that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

On May 28, 1965, MI T-1 stated WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI had been to Las Vegas, having gone alone for a period of approximately two weeks, returning a week or two before May 28, 1965. Since the race tracks have opened in Illinois, COVELLI has been going there to the tracks regularly on Mondays and Saturdays with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO. [redacted] who has been described as an old time employee of RIZZO, and who is from Racine, Wisconsin, has also been seen in the company of RIZZO on several occasions in Kenosha, and is believed to have gone to the Illinois race tracks with RIZZO from time-to-time. MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI has been spending more time away from the La Strata, although RIZZO continues to be seen on a regular basis there. MI T-1 stated there appears to be little or no conversation at the present time concerning the Campus Lounge in Racine.

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Spot checks were periodically made on RIZZO's residence in Racine County, Wisconsin, for any pertinent activity, both by the Special Squad of the Racine Police Department and by Bureau Agents, but with negative results. RIZZO still maintains his garage windows covered with paint and he keeps the door of his garage closed, thus eliminating ready observation as to whether either or both of his automobiles are in the garage or gone.

Detective [redacted] Special Squad, Racine Police Department, on June 9, 1965, advised his sources have advised that

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RIZZO still maintains his position in the La Strata "A-Go-Go" in Kenosha, and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI is still observed at the La Strata "A-Go-Go".

Both Detective [] on June 9, 1965 and [] June 11, 1965, advised that there has been no further word concerning the apparent plans for JOHN RIZZO and COVELLI getting into the place known as "The Campus Lounge", located at Racine. It is to be noted that COVELLI has been reported in the past to be either the partner or associate of RIZZO when they used to run a "big game" at Kenosha, Wisconsin several years ago.

Detectives [] and [] on July 6, 1965, advised, by reason of their spot checks as well as sources available to them, that JOHN RIZZO spends considerable time away from his residence located in Racine County, and undoubtedly much of this time is spent at Kenosha particularly at the La Strata "A-Go-Go" located on 52nd Street.

[] Chief Investigator, Kenosha County, on July 15, 1965, advised that JOHN RIZZO continues to maintain a very active position in the operation of the La Strata "A-Go-Go" located on 52nd Street in Kenosha. From all appearances and other indication it would seem that the La Strata "A-Go-Go" Club is doing very well financially.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 27, 1965

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] b6
Milwaukee, dated and captioned as b7C
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July 27, 1965

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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SAC, Milwaukee (92-164)

11-18-65

Director, FBI (92-5012)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)

DATE: 11/24/65

FROM :

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) (P)

SUBJECT:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
AR

Re Bureau letter to Milwaukee, 11/18/65.

Report of SA being submitted
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REPORTING OFFICE Milwaukee	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Milwaukee	DATE 11/26/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/19-11/12/65
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Report of SA dated 7/27/65 at Milwaukee.
 Chicago letter to Milwaukee 8/26/65
 Milwaukee airtel to Chicago 9/20/65
 Chicago letter to Milwaukee 10/29/65

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ENCLOSURES:

2 copies of LHM characterizing informants utilized in above captioned report.

LEADS

This case has been pending over one year.
 It has not been pending prosecution over six months.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Ill.

Will through informants and other sources continue to determine activities of JOHN RIZZO and or his known associates in the Chicago, Illinois area.

Will endeavor to keep apprised of the visits to Chicago, Illinois by JOHN RIZZO.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wis.

Will endeavor to keep informed of the activities of RIZZO through various sources of informants for the purpose of establishing any possible federal violation.

Will endeavor to maintain such contacts as will determine the activity and extent of activity of RIZZO in the La Strata Go-Go Club.

At Racine, Wis.

Will continue to maintain contact with the special detail Racine, Wisconsin Police Dept., in an effort to determine whether activities of subject RIZZO in the Racine area.

Will attempt to ascertain further friends or professional associates of RIZZO and set forth necessary leads.

At Milwaukee, Wis.

Will through informants endeavor to ascertain on a continuing basis, the purpose and reason for RIZZO's contacts with FRANK BALISTRERI and other members of the "Outfit".

Will endeavor through sources available attempt to determine the frequency of visits of JOHN RIZZO to Milwaukee, Wis., and individuals contacted by him.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [] contacted regularly by SA []
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MI T-2 is [] (requested) []
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[] and contacted by SA [] of the
Chicago FBI Office.

MI T-3 is [] who has been contacted regularly
in the past by SA JOHN GASSAWAY. b7D

ADMINISTRATIVE

For the purpose of affording additional protection to the identity of the informants, it is to be noted that in the details of instant report, they have not been associated with any specific area designation, but information furnished by them has been set out under "DETAILS" and under "MILWAUKEE" as the locale.

On July 29, 1965 a photograph of [] was exhibited to Illinois Bureau of Race Track Police (IBRTP) Officials [] at
Arlington Park Race Track, Arlington Heights, Ill., by SA []
[] None of these individuals could identify [] as anyone they had seen during the current racing season at Arlington Park.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: November 26, 1965

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title:
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis:

JOHN RIZZO arrested 8/5/65 on charges of commercial gambling based on facts as a result of the John Doe investigation conducted by the Wisconsin State Attorney General's Office, at Kenosha, Wisconsin. RIZZO released on \$1,000 bond. Also arrested was [REDACTED] who was formerly reported an associate of RIZZO. Basis of arrests were reported gambling activities conducted at "cigar store" located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha in early 1960's. One witness reportedly testified that he had observed RIZZO, [REDACTED] and "WHEEZER" COVELLI counting money following gambling. RIZZO following his arrest, indicated his association with the La Strada "A-Go-Go" Club, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

MI T-2 on August 2, 1965 advised that [redacted] who had been photographed in the company of subject RIZZO during the 1964 racing season at Arlington Park, was at the Arlington Park Race Track, Arlington Heights, Ill., on a daily basis during the 1965 summer racing season. MI T-2 advised that although [redacted] had been observed at the track, he had not been seen in the company of JOHN RIZZO nor could he recall actually seeing RIZZO thus far during the 1965 summer racing season.

By communication dated August 26, 1965, the Chicago Office advised that agents of the Chicago Office had conducted numerous surveillances at Arlington Park Race Track, Arlington Heights, Ill., on other matters during the 1965 racing meet. [redacted] had been observed at the track and on regular and frequent occasions. Subject JOHN RIZZO had been observed at the track on only two occasions during the 1965 racing season. On the second occasion that he was observed by a Chicago agent, it was in the same general area on the third floor of the race track club house that he had been seen previously, that is during the 1964 racing season.

Deputy [redacted] Kenosha County, advised on August 19, 1965, that JOHN RIZZO had been arrested on August 5, 1965 and [redacted] had been arrested on August 6, 1965 and both released on \$1,000 bond each. According to [redacted] these individuals were arrested and charged with "commercial gambling", which charges arose out of information developed by the John Doe investigation held at Kenosha, Wisconsin and which had been conducted by the Attorney General's Office of the State of Wisconsin.

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Deputy [] stated that the charges were based upon their gambling activities at the cigar store located at 2207 56th St., Kenosha, Wisconsin, which was located between SAM GEROLMO's Liquor Store and the restaurant []

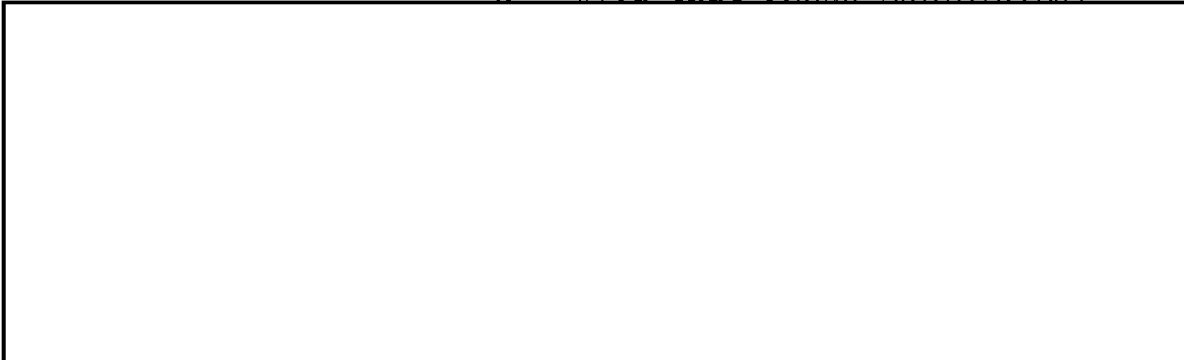
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On August 31, 1965, an article appeared in the Kenosha News, concerning the pending John Doe investigation at which time former police chief STANLEY HAUKE DAHL was reported to have testified in county court on Monday, August 30, 1965. The news article related that HAUKE DAHL had said that he contacted SAM GEROLMO "a friend of mine", to arrange a meeting with two informants JOHN C. RIZZO, 54, Racine, and WILLIAM "Wheezer" COVELLI, age 45. RIZZO was identified as an individual who had recently been charged with operating a gambling place. The news article further related that during his conversation with RIZZO and COVELLI, that HAUKE DAHL testified, he had asked about the possible syndicate connections with gambling here in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The two men were supposed to have told HAUKE DAHL that BUSTER BALISTRERI, a reputed gambling kingpin, was in Kenosha, Wisconsin, but that he was not here representing the syndicate or any other outside interest. *D. A. P. 11/26*

The news article went on to relate that also testifying on Monday, August 30, 1965 were two other individuals who testified that they had shot "craps" at the cigar store in 1961.

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MI T-3 advised that FRANK BALISTRERI, head of the Milwaukee "Outfit" was as of early September, 1965, spending a great deal of his time at "The Scene", his new tavern, located where the Swan Theater used to be located on the northeast side of Milwaukee. MI T-3 stated that FRANK BALISTRERI



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On September 30, 1965 an article appeared in the Kenosha News which carried an article stating that Circuit Judge M. EUGENE BAKER, Kenosha, Wisconsin, would have to decide the legal question as to whether an individual charged with gambling as a result of the Kenosha's John Doe Probe could be prosecuted. This case involved JOHN C. RIZZO, age 54, Racine County, Wisconsin. RIZZO had been accused of helping to operate a gambling game in a building at 2207 - 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The article went on to relate that RIZZO's attorney, DOMINIC FRINZI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin had filed a Writ of Prohibition in Judge BAKER's court and the purpose of this writ was designed to halt any further criminal proceedings against RIZZO on the grounds that RIZZO had been granted immunity when he testified October 13, 1964 before the John Doe Proceedings.

On October 1, 1965 an article appeared in the Kenosha News, a Kenosha, Wisconsin daily newspaper, which referred to testimony given by one of the witnesses throughout a period in connection with the John Doe proceedings on September 30, 1965. This witness, a GERALD COX, testified that he had gone to a building at 2207 - 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, located between Greco's Restaurant and Gerolamo's Tavern, and that he went there to shoot dice in 1960, 1961, and 1962 on four or five occasions each year.

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GERALD COX stated that when he arrived at this address he was admitted by either AL ALBANA, FRANK JANNUZZI, or JEFF COVELLI, a brother of "WEISER" COVELLI. COX identified FRANK JANNUZZI and JOHN RIZZO of Racine and WILLIAM COVELLI as "bankers" for the dice game. COX further testified that he stayed after the game closed on at least one occasion and saw JOHN RIZZO, JANNUZZI, and "WEEZER" COVELLI counting the money. COX stated that he estimated the number of men in the room at various times ranging from 6 to 8 to at least 35 on occasion.

MI T-1 advised on October 15, 1965 that he had received information that JOHN RIZZO as of recent time was still frequently seen at the La Strada "A-Go-Go" Club located at 1714 - 52nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

By communication dated October 29, 1965 the Chicago Office advised the records of the Chicago Police Department as checked by SA [redacted] October 20, 1965, relative to [redacted] contained no information identifiable with [redacted] who had been observed in the past with subject RIZZO at the Arlington Race Track, Arlington Heights, Illinois. b6 b7C

[redacted] and [redacted] Special Agents of the Illinois Bureau of Race Track Police (IB RTP) presently assigned at the Hawthorne Race Track, Cicero, Illinois, advised on October 13, 1965 that the name [redacted] of Racine, Wisconsin and his description as furnished, meant nothing to them. [redacted] had previously been reported as being known to [redacted] and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Racine, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

With regard to RIZZO's residence in Racine County, Wisconsin and possible activity in that area, spot checks were periodically made both by members of the Special Squad of the Racine, Wis. Police Department and by Bureau agents, but with negative results. RIZZO still maintains his garage windows covered with paint and he keeps the door of his garage closed at all times, thus eliminating ready determination as to whether either or both of his automobiles are in the garage or gone, thus indicating RIZZO's possible absence from the area.

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Detective [] Special Squad, Racine, Wis. Police Department, on November 12, 1965 advised that his sources have advised that RIZZO had regularly been seen through most of the Fall in 1965 at the La Strada "A-Go-Go" Club in Kenosha.

Detectives [] and [] both of the Special Squad, Racine, Wis. PD further advised that there had been no additional word concerning the apparent plans for JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI getting into the place known as "The Campus Lounge", located at Racine, Wisconsin.

Deputy [] Kenosha County, has previously advised that at the time of JOHN RIZZO's arrest in August, 1965, he was suppose to have indicated that he was "Public Relation Man for the La Strada A-Go-Go". MI T-1 on November 12, 1965 advised that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were suppose to have gone to the race tracks at Chicago, Illinois on November 11, 1965.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 26, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
Milwaukee, dated and captioned
as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Unfused and **fused** are opposites.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 1/28/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/1/65-1/24/66
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka <i>John</i>		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY jah
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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2):

2 copies of a LHM characterizing informants used in this report.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.Will contact concerning RIZZO's connections with FRANK

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This case has been pending over one year.

It has not been pending prosecution over six months.

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BALISTRIERI.

AT KENOSHA, WIS.

Will maintain contact with the Subject through informants.

AT RACINE, WIS.

Will maintain contact with the Racine PD in an effort to develop information concerning activities of RIZZO in Racine.

INFORMANTS

All of the informants set out below were not used in this report, but they are being set out here for future clarification:

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An information copy of this report is being designated for the Chicago Division in view of pending investigation in that division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, MILWAUKEE

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 1/28/66

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject to be afforded a preliminary hearing in Kenosha, Wis. on charge of commercial gambling. Subject [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Subject reportedly going to Milwaukee on regular basis with WILLIAM COVELLI.

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On December 1, 1965, an article in the "Milwaukee Sentinel", a local Milwaukee newspaper, reported that Circuit Judge M. EUGENE BAKER, Kenosha, ordered a preliminary hearing for JOHN C. RIZZO of Racine, Wisconsin. This article stated that Judge BAKER's ruling quashed a petition for a writ by RIZZO seeking to prohibit his case from going to a preliminary hearing before County Judge EARL D. MORTON at Kenosha. This article further reported that RIZZO's attorney, DOMINIC FRINZI of Milwaukee, had argued that RIZZO was illegally named in the warrant after he had been granted immunity to testify about gambling in the "John Doe" probe at Kenosha. This article stated under the immunity grant, RIZZO reportedly testified about gambling in Milwaukee and Kenosha and therefore FRINZI argued that the Attorney General's Office could not apply immunity about gambling in Milwaukee without also including immunity for Kenosha. This article concluded by saying that RIZZO's petition for a writ kept him from being included in a consolidated hearing for four other Kenosha and Racine men

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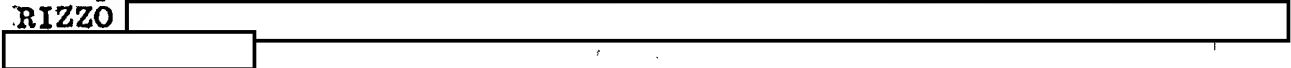
charged with commercial gambling.

On December 7, 1965, MI T-3 advised that JOHN C. RIZZO



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On December 10, 1965, MI T-6 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have been going to Milwaukee about three times a week and during these trips they go to the "Scene" which is operated by FRANK BALISTRIERI. Informant stated COVELLI and RIZZO



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
January 28, 1966

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
Milwaukee, dated and captioned as
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

January 28, 1966

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of the informants used in the report of SA [REDACTED], dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-3 is a local Milwaukee hoodlum

MI T-6 is a local Milwaukee hoodlum

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 4/14/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/2 - 4/1/66
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA CHARLES F. AHERN	TYPED BY duz
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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU:

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LEADSTHE CHICAGO DIVISIONAt Chicago, Illinois:Case pending over one year Yes
Pending prosecution over six months No

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Will make inquiry at the Passport Agency, Department of State, 244A Federal Building, to determine status of any application for a passport made by JOHN C. RIZZO.

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha and Racine, Wisconsin:

Will maintain contact with informants and sources to follow subject's activities, the state of his health, and his plans for foreign travel.

INFORMANTS

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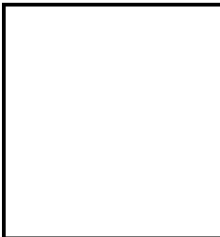
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, MILWAUKEE

Report of: CHARLES F. AHERN
Date: April 14, 1966

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine County, Wisconsin. He has been reported by diverse sources to spend considerable time at the La Strada A Go-Go Club, Kenosha, Wisconsin, in which he is believed to be a member of the management. Subject reported to be continuing close association with WILLIAM COVELLI. Subject reported to have expressed interest in foreign travel in 1965. RIZZO recently reported to be suffering from an ear infection.

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DETAILS: At Racine, Wisconsin:

On February 2, 1966, Detective [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin, Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that he is not aware of any current or recent illegal activity in Racine in which RIZZO has been a participant. He expressed the opinion that a gambling charge pending against RIZZO in Kenosha, Wisconsin, is undoubtedly, a restraining influence. He stated RIZZO continues to reside at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, Wisconsin.

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The Special Agents of the FBI who made the observation of February 15, 1966, are Special Agents CHARLES F. AHERN and [REDACTED] b6 b7C

On February 15, 1966, between 6:30 and 7:00 PM Special Agents of the FBI observed a Lincoln Sedan bearing 1965 Wisconsin registration N 29-655 outside of the La Strada A Go-Go Club, 1714 52 Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Through inquiry of the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Department, it was determined that this number was issued to JOHN C. RIZZO 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, Wisconsin. RIZZO was not observed within the public area of the La Strada Club during this period.

On February 18, 1966, MI T-7 advised that JOHN RIZZO, accompanied by WILLIAM COVELLI and a third man from the Racine-Kenosha area, [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] MI T-7 also commented that RIZZO and COVELLI had been in Milwaukee on two occasions during the previous week and on one such occasion they were in contact with FRANK BALISTRIERI.

On March 8, 1966, MI T-8 advised that JOHN RIZZO of Racine, Wisconsin, spends considerable time during weekends at the La Strada A Go-Go Club, Kenosha, Wisconsin. This source expressed the conviction that RIZZO is a part owner of the club in association with WILLIAM COVELLI, [REDACTED] b6 b7C and an elderly man known to the source only as [REDACTED]. The source stated that entertainment at the La Strada A Go-Go Club consists of a band on Friday and Saturday night and go-go girls every night except Monday. MI T-8 advised that nothing had been observed to indicate that any activity other than legitimate entertainment was being fostered at the La Strada.

On March 14, 1966, MI T-6 advised that JOHN RIZZO had been soliciting recommendations for dance bands to play at the La Strada Club, Kenosha, Wisconsin, in which RIZZO and probably WILLIAM COVELLI are interested. It was reported that RIZZO desires to engage a smaller band available for a fee of \$80 - 90 per night.

On February 24, 1966, MI T-3 advised that RIZZO was visiting Milwaukee from time to time and frequently confers with FRANK BALISTRERI either at one of BALISTRERI's night clubs or at Fazio's on Fifth Restaurant. This source could furnish no specific information relative to RIZZO's current activities.

On March 24, 1966, MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZO is frequently observed at the La Strada A Go-Go Club, Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he maintains the air of a member of the management. MI T-1 stated that RIZZO occasionally opens the cash register at the club, but otherwise doesn't do much. MI T-1 commented that RIZZO does not drink at this club, although in the past, he has not been a teetotaler. This source stated that the active management of this club is handled by WILLIAM COVELLI and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On March 30, 1966, review was made of the docket pertaining to JOHN CHARLES RIZZO maintained by the Clerk of Court, County Court Branches II and III, Kenosha County, Kenosha, Wisconsin. The complaint in this case dated August 5, 1965, charged that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and others operated a gambling establishment at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, from January 1, 1960 to January 28, 1963, and that RIZZO acted as the banker of this operation. RIZZO was released on \$1,000 bond on August 6, 1965, and is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A preliminary hearing was requested and was originally scheduled for September 30, 1965.

[REDACTED] advised that the preliminary hearing originally scheduled for September 30, 1965, was postponed and has not been rescheduled.

The docket disclosed that the defense has injected a question of immunity relative to the State's use in instant case of some testimony given by RIZZO in another matter.

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On April 1, 1966, MI T-8 advised that RIZZO has not recently been observed at the La Strada A Go-Go Club, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and his absence over a period of approximately two weeks has been attributed to a disabling ear infection.

On March 17, 1966, MI T-9 advised that during the summer of 1965, RIZZO, WILLIAM COVELLI, and DOMINIC PRINCIPE expressed interest in traveling to Italy.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 14, 1966

Title	JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
Character	ANTI - RACKETEERING
Reference	Report of SA CHARLES F. AHERN, Milwaukee, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201
April 14, 1966

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
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TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA CHARLES F. AHERN	TYPED BY JEP
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REFERENCE

Report of SA CHARLES F. AHERN at Milwaukee, 4/14/66.

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FOR THE BUREAU: Two copies of LHM characterizing informants used in this report.

LEADSMILWAUKEE DIVISIONAT KENOSHA AND RACINE, WISCONSIN

Will maintain contact with informants and sources to follow subject's activities.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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INFORMANTS

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Observations were made by SA CHARLES F. AHERN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee (RM)

Report of: SA CHARLES F. AHERN
Date: May 31, 1966

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject reported to have recently visited Hot Springs, Ark. on vacation, but has resumed usual routine at La Strada Club, Kenosha, Wis. where free bingo game has been introduced. Subject has offered his Racine, Wis. residence for sale, but reportedly intends to continue to reside in Racine with his daughter and son-in-law.

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Details: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 8, 1966 MI T-7 advised that RIZZO was at [redacted] in the company of an unknown person.

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On April 18, 1966 MI T-1 advised that RIZZO had been absent from Wisconsin recently for a period of two to three weeks which he spent vacationing at Hot Springs, Arkansas. MI T-1 stated RIZZO had recently resumed his familiar duties at the La Strada Club, Kenosha, Wis. The same source advised that no information has been received indicating that RIZZO is or has been suffering from any physical disabilities.

Observation of the La Strada Club, Kenosha, Wis., has disclosed a sign on public display on a window overlooking the street advertising "Free Bingo Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday."

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On May 10, 1966 MI T-8 advised that a bingo game was introduced at the La Strada Club, Kenosha, Wis. on April 19, 1966 with RIZZO participating in the operation thereof. According to MI T-8 prizes are awarded, but players are not charged for participation.

On May 16, 1966 Detective [redacted] Racine, Wis. Police Dept., advised that a for sale sign has been observed on the premises of RIZZO's residence, 1906 Emmertsen Road, naming the selling agency as the Christensen Agency, 1534 State St., Racine. Detective [redacted] advised that he made a pretext telephone call to the Christensen Agency on May 6, 1966 in the role of a prospect. He was informed that the RIZZO residence was priced at \$35,000 and that the owner desires to sell because of the burden of maintenance. He was informed further that the owner intended to take up residence in the Racine area at the home of his daughter and son-in-law.

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On May 29, 1966 a special agent of the FBI observed a Lincoln automobile bearing 1966 Wis. registration N29655 outside of the La Strada Club, Kenosha. This automobile is registered to JOHN C. RIZZO, 1906 Emmertsen Road, Racine, Wis.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 31, 1966

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Title	JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
Character	ANTI-RACKETEERING
Reference	Report of SA CHARLES F. AHERN at Milwaukee, dated and captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 31, 1966

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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of the informants used in the report of SA CHARLES F. AHERN, dated and captioned as above:

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 9/23/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/29 - 9/20/66
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA CHARLES F. AHERN	TYPED BY bkc
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REFERENCE

Re report of SA CHARLES F. AHERN, Milwaukee,
5/31/66.

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LEADSMILWAUKEE DIVISIONAT KENOSHA AND RACINE, WISCONSIN

Will maintain contact with informant and sources
to follow subject's activities.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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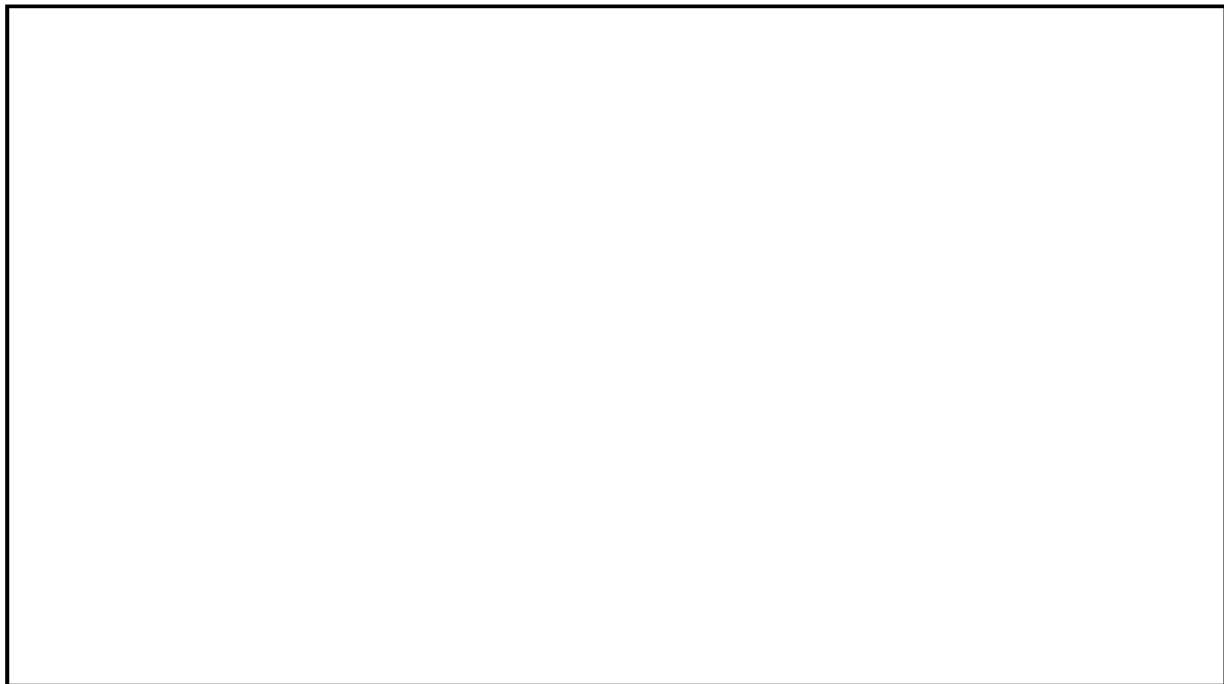
The extended period of this report is attributable to material reviewed after submission of last report.

FRANK BALISTRIERI, infra, and WILLIAM COVELLI, infra, are subjects of AR cases, MI office of origin.

This case is being placed in pending inactive status as it is believed subject's current activities are such as to be adaptable to adequate coverage through informants and spot check surveillances.

By communication dated 6/30/66, the Chicago Office advised as follows:

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It was decided that such a contact would be inappropriate since there was no indication that he had ever had any

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contact or activity which would be within the purview of INS. However, on 5/27/66, SA [] was in touch with [] regarding another matter and inquired if RIZZO was known to him or if the records of his agency contained any information concerning RIZZO. [] advised that the name was unknown and he could locate no information about him.

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[] contacted by SA CHARLES F. AHERN
[], contacted by SA CARLYLE N. REED

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All observations reported herein were made by SA CHARLES F. AHERN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA CHARLES F. AHERN
Date: 9/23/66

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

State gambling charge against subject remains pending. Defense is seeking to have evidence suppressed on basis that when testifying to certain questions in state "John Doe" investigation, subject was granted immunity which defense contends disqualified evidence on which gambling charge is based. Issue on appeal to Wisconsin Supreme Court. The La Strada A-Go-Go Club, with which subject has been associated has been closed for several months, and according to source, definitely will not resume business. Building is for sale. Subject reportedly spending considerable time at Illinois race tracks. Source report subject continues contacts with FRANK BALISTRIERI, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Subject observed in company of WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, Wisconsin on 9/14/66. Subject's residence at Racine, Wisconsin remains for sale, although on 8/5/66 a "Sold" sign was displayed on premises.

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Details:

On June 27, 1966, [REDACTED] of County Court, Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised that the state gambling charge against the subject remains outstanding pending a decision on motions relating to allegations in the complaint and warrant.

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On September 19, 1966 a review was made of case number 66-6597, publicly available at the office of the Clerk of County Court, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. This file reflects that RIZZO remains free on bond of \$1,000 and the preliminary hearing has been deferred pending a "writ of prohibition" brought by RIZZO based on a contention of immunity.

On September 19, 1966 a review was made of the case file concerning RIZZO maintained for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. This file contained a "Petitioner's Brief" filed on RIZZO's behalf by Attorneys DOMINIC H. FRINZI and [REDACTED] This brief concerned testimony given by RIZZO before a local magistrate incidental to the so called "John Doe" investigation in Kenosha County and specifically to certain questions which RIZZO initially declined to answer on the grounds of self-incrimination, but which he ultimately did answer after being granted immunity. While under immunity, according to the brief, RIZZO gave the following testimony in October, 1964:

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He admitted gambling at the Ogden Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin over six years previously and admitted he had worked as a "Stick Man" at the Ogden Club. He admitted acquaintance with FRANK BALISTRIERI, PHIL ALDERISIO, and WHEEZER COVELLI. He admitted having travelled to Milwaukee with WHEEZER COVELLI. The argument was made that the immunity granted for such testimony extended to RIZZO's activities which constituted the basis for the complaint and warrant charging him with gambling in Kenosha County from 1960 to 1963. The court ruled that the immunity granted was unrelated to the gambling charge and the issue was appealed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court where the decision on the writ of prohibition is currently pending.

On June 7, 1966, MI T-1 advised that RIZZO was still devoting considerable time to the La Strada A-Go-Go Club, Kenosha, Wisconsin, where the recently introduced bingo game was proving to be a success by stimulating liquor sales between games. The informant said RIZZO was continuing to follow his usual routine.

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On August 1, 1966, MI T-2 advised that RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI conferred at length with FRANK BALISTRERI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin at BALISTRERI's new night club, the Ad Lib, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The informant had no knowledge of the subject matter of this discussion.

On August 23, 1966, MI T-1 advised that the La Strada Club has been closed for several weeks ostensibly for repair and redecoration. However, according to MI T-1, RIZZO and his associates, WILLIAM COVELLI and [REDACTED] are desirous of selling this property. Allegedly, the overhead is too much for the volume of business. It is understood that consideration is being given to using the living quarters on the second floor of the building as a rest home for indigent but ambulatory war veterans under a contract with the Veteran's Administration.

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MI T-1 stated that RIZZO and COVELLI are reported to be regular patrons at the Illinois race tracks and that they visit FRANK BALISTRERI in Milwaukee occasionally. BALISTRERI is not known to visit Kenosha, however.

On September 20, 1966, MI T-1 advised that RIZZO is occasionally observed in the area of 56th Street and 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, but with considerably less frequency than formerly. It is understood that he is spending considerable time at Illinois race tracks.

MI T-1 stated that a decision has been reached not to reopen the La Strada A-Go-Go Club and the premises remain for sale, although, so far as is known, there are no seriously interested prospective buyers.

On September 19, 1966, a Special Agent of the FBI observed a sign on the premises of the La Strada Club, 1714 52nd Street, Kenosha, reading "For Sale or Lease - Call SALERNO's Realty 652-5335." To the rear of the building partially burned discarded timbers were observed.

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On September 14, 1966, subject and WILLIAM COVELLI were observed by a Special Agent of the FBI in Kenosha, Wisconsin in RIZZO's Lincoln sedan, bearing 1966 Wisconsin registration N29-655. They proceeded to Becker's Cigar Store, 609 56th Street, which COVELLI entered while RIZZO remained in his automobile from 11:40 AM to 11:43AM, when COVELLI reentered the car. They then went to the Hotel Dayton which COVELLI entered at 11:44 AM and rejoined RIZZO at 11:46 AM. They then travelled to the intersection of 77th Street and Pershing Boulevard where they parted company and COVELLI proceeded on his way in his Cadillac Automobile, bearing 1966 Wisconsin registration F52-354. RIZZO then went to a public telephone booth in the Pershing Plaza shopping area, where he made a telephone call from phone number 694-9996 from 12:00 M to 12:07 PM. Upon returning to his car, he proceeded toward downtown Kenosha at which point observation was terminated for reasons of security and public safety.

On August 5, 1966 and August 8, 1966, spot observations of the premises at 1906 Emmertsen Road, Racine, Wisconsin, disclosed a "For Sale" sign across which was the notation "Sold." The real estate agency offering the premises was identified as the N. Christensen Agency, Racine, Wisconsin.

On August 29, 1966, spot observation of the same premises disclosed no advertising sign. No activity was observed, but drapes and decorations were noted suggestive of occupancy.

On August 29, 1966, a review was made of the Grantor Index maintained by the Register of Deeds for Racine County without locating any record of conveyance by JOHN RIZZO, grantor, or any other conveyance identifiable with subject's residence location.

On August 29, 1966, Detective [redacted] Police Department of Racine, Wisconsin, advised that he has been informed by a source he considers knowledgeable that RIZZO and his wife plan to live in a duplex house now under construction in Racine along with [redacted]

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[redacted] now residing at [redacted]
[redacted] Detective [redacted] said he had no knowledge
of the location of the duplex house supposedly under construc-
tion.

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On September 15, 1966, observation of the premises
at 1906 Emmertsen Road, Racine, disclosed a "For Sale" sign
posted by the N. Christensen Agency, Racine.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 23, 1966

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA CHARLES F. AHERN,
Milwaukee, dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

MI T-1 and MI T-2 are sources who by reason of occupations have contacts and familiarity with hoodlums.

FBI

Date: 2/15/67

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6824)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-506) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE
JOHN RIZZO, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

John Charles Rizzo

On 2/8/67, [] advised SA [] that

For the information of Las Vegas, WILLIAM COVELLI is the reputed hoodlum chief in Kenosha, Wisconsin, although he is not a member of the LCN. He meets frequently with Milwaukee Family boss, FRANK BALISTRERI, and is presently attending to some of BALISTRERI's business interests in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, along with subject RIZZO. COVELLI is closely attended in Kenosha by an individual who is a member of the LCN, identified as ALBERT ALBANA.

COVELLI is described as follows:

Race: White
Sex: Male

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Date of Birth: 10/5/19
Place of Birth: Kenosha, Wisconsin
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 165 pounds
Build: Medium
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Ruddy
Characteristics: Mild Diabetic

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is described as follows:

Race: White
Sex: Male
Date of Birth: 11/16/10
Place of Birth: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 196 pounds
Build: Stocky
Hair: Gray
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Medium ruddy
Scars: Right wrist

LEADSLAS VEGAS DIVISIONAt Las Vegas, Nevada

Will contact logical sources and informant to determine period subjects and company actually are in Las Vegas, identity of those in their party, and if possible, nature of any business conducted there by COVELLI and RIZZO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REFERENCES

Report of SA CHARLES F. AHERN, at Milwaukee, 5/31/66.

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FOR THE BUREAU; Two copies of LHM characterizing informants used in this report.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha and Racine, Wisconsin

Will follow and report subject's activities within six months of date of instant report.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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MI T-7 is PCI [redacted]
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MI T-1 is [redacted]

MI T-6 is [redacted]

MI T-3 is [redacted]

MI T-8 is [redacted]

MI T-9 is [redacted]

Contacted by

SA [redacted]

SAs [redacted] and
CHARLES F. AHERN

SA CARLYLE N. REED

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, MILWAUKEE

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: APRIL 7, 1967

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: RIZZO reported on various dates by confidential sources to be employed by FRANK BALISTRIERI in Milwaukee as an "overseer" in some of BALISTRIERI's night club interests. Wisconsin Supreme Court on 11/29/66 rejected plea to halt prosecution of RIZZO on charges of commercial gambling in Kenosha. On 1/31/67, State Supreme Court refused to reconsider decision against RIZZO entered on 11/29/66. MI T-1 advised on 2/8/67, RIZZO planned to go to Las Vegas late in February, but investigation in that city failed to reflect his presence there. Subject

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DETAILS:

On June 13, 1966, MI T-7 advised that the JOHN RIZZO home on Emmertsen Road, Racine, Wisconsin, was still for sale and that RIZZO had been unable, to date, to execute the sale of this residence. He stated that he had heard that RIZZO was planning on moving into town (Racine) and live with relatives if successful in selling his residence.

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On September 20, 1966, MI T-1 advised that RIZZO occasionally shows up in the area of 56th Street and 22nd Avenue, formerly his regular hangout, but much less frequently than in the past. He is understood to be a regular patron of the Illinois racetracks. Nothing has come to attention which would indicate that he is currently engaged in any gambling or other illicit activity.

Informant said it is accepted on the West Side that the La Strada A-Go-Go Club, formerly operated by WILLIAM COVELLI, RIZZO and [REDACTED], will not be reopened as a club; the place is for sale, but nothing is heard of any prospective buyers.

[REDACTED]
Arlington Park, during the 1966 racing season, and Hawthorne Park Race Track during the 1966 racing season, was contacted on the following dates relative to the subject: August 22, September 7, and September 22, 1966.

[REDACTED] advised when he was first contacted on August 22, 1966, at Arlington Park Race Track that he did not recognize the subject's photograph as being a habitue of the track and that he had developed no recent information indicating that extensive on-track bookmaking was being conducted at Arlington Park.

He was recontacted at Arlington Park on September 7, and at Hawthorne Park, Cicero, Illinois, on September 22, 1966, after the closing of Arlington Park, September 12, 1966. He advised at this time that he had conducted an inquiry concerning any individuals from the Milwaukee area being involved in bookmaking at either track. He stated that he had developed no such information.

[REDACTED] stated, however, that he recalled seeing JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, frequently during the summer racing.

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season at both Arlington and Hawthorne Park. He advised that it did not appear to him that RIZZO was engaged in any bookmaking activity inasmuch as he seemed to be a "loner" while at the track.

On November 2, 1966, MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZE has not been seen in a long time around the Kenosha West Side area. However, it was said that many messages are received at GRECO's Restaurant requesting that WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI call the AdLib Restaurant in Milwaukee. Informant believes that the person making this request is acting in behalf of RIZZO, although this is speculation.

On September 14, 1966, SA CHARLES F. AHERN observed a Lincoln sedan bearing Wisconsin registration N29655 proceeding easterly along Roosevelt Road, Kenosha. This automobile is known to be registered to JOHN RIZZO of Racine, Wisconsin.

It was observed that RIZZO was driving this car and was accompanied by WILLIAM COVELLI. They proceeded to Becker's Cigar Store, 609 56th Street, Kenosha, which COVELLI entered while RIZZO waited in the car. In a few minutes COVELLI rejoined RIZZO and they then proceeded to the Dayton Hotel which COVELLI entered while RIZZO waited. In a few minutes COVELLI emerged from the Dayton Hotel and the two proceeded to 77th Street and Pershing Boulevard. A few minutes later COVELLI was observed proceeding easterly on 77th Street in his Cadillac sedan bearing Wisconsin registration F52354. RIZZO was subsequently observed making a telephone call from the public telephone of the Sears Roebuck Store situated in the Pershing Plaza Shopping Center. The telephone used was identified as being number 694-9996. RIZZO subsequently proceeded south on Pershing Plaza and at this point it was necessary to discontinue observations for security reasons.

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On October 31, 1966, SA CHARLES F. AHERN observed subject's automobile proceeding southerly on Main Street, Racine, Wisconsin, at 12:20 PM. It was noted that this car was driven by RIZZO who was accompanied by an unidentified man. They proceeded to the Webster Electric Company, Clark and DeKoven Streets, Racine, where the unidentified man alighted from RIZZO's car and proceeded to enter the premises of the Webster Electric Company. The individual was dressed as though he might be an employee of this company and he went through an employees gate. RIZZO the proceeded in the general direction of his residence.

On December 16, 1966, the following article appeared on page 10 of the "Kenosha News":

"The Wisconsin Supreme Court today rejected an effort by John C. Rizzo, 55, Racine, to halt his prosecution for alleged commercial gambling activities in Kenosha.

"Rizzo was arrested in August, 1965, on a charge of operating a gambling place, with six other men, at 2207 56th St. between 1960 and 1963. His arrest followed the lengthy John Doe probe into gambling operations in Kenosha.

"The justices unanimously affirmed a decision by Circuit Judge M. Eugene Baker that denied an order Rizzo sought to keep Kenosha County from proceeding with a preliminary hearing in this case. Judge Baker's order was issued one year ago this Thursday.

"Rizzo's attorney, Dominic Frinzi, had sought a write of prohibition designed to bar the hearing on the gambling charge. Frinzi argued that Rizzo had been granted immunity from prosecution when he testified before a secret John Doe session on Oct. 13, 1964. Judge Baker rejected Rizzo's motion and the case was taken to the Supreme Court.

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"Further action in Rizzo's case had been delayed pending the high court's decision.

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"During Rizzo's appearance before Doe magistrate, former County Judge Harry V. Carlson, he invoked the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in reply to questions.

"The state attorney general's office then obtained a court order to compel Rizzo to testify. He was granted immunity regarding testimony on his connection with a Milwaukee social club, whether he paid money to Milwaukee police officials to operate the club, and whether that he had any knowledge regarding the murder of Kenosha vending machine operator, Anthony Biernat.

"Judge baker's ruling held the subjects on which Rizzo was granted immunity were 'irrelevant and immaterial' to his trial on the gambling charge.

"Justice Leo Hanley, who wrote the opinion, said the main issue raised by Rizzo was whether, after answering questionss on pre-1959 gambling activities in Milwaukee County, he could be prosecuted for gambling in Kenosha County after 1959.

"Rizzo contended that after being compelled to testify on the three questions 'he is entitled as a matter of law to be free from any prosecution on any charges of gambling,' Hanley said.

"The justice said, however, Rizzo had failed to prove that any of the basic requirements in law for immunity applied in this case.

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"Rizzo also contends that because gambling is a continuing activity any compelled testimony must necessarily bar Rizzo's prosecution on any gambling charges", Hanley continued. "Such is not the law".

"Assuming that Rizzo's compelled testimony would give him immunity for gambling offenses in Milwaukee prior to 1959", the Justice said, "such immunity would not grant him a general amnesty which would defeat the very purpose of the John Doe investigation, which is to aid in the prosecution of criminals."

On December 16, 1966, MI T-6 advised that JOHN RIZZO, a Racine-Kenosha, Wisconsin area hoodlum, has been coming to Milwaukee lately since he is working for FRANK BALISTRERI, apparently assisting in the operation of one or more of BALISTRERI's downtown Milwaukee night clubs. Informant speculated that this might have been occasioned by the fact that BALISTRERI had had to spend a lot of his time since October at his Federal income tax trial in Springfield, Illinois, and during his absence some of his night clubs were not doing as well as he thought they should.

On December 6, 1966, MI T-3 advised that JOHN RIZZO of late has been making quite frequent and regular visits to The Scene and contacts FRANK BALISTRERI when the latter is around.

On December 13, 1966, MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZO is seen only rarely in the Kenosha west side. Source is somewhat puzzled by this inasmuch as he was a frequent visitor until the past few months. b7D
[redacted] knows there is no rift between these individuals as they go to the track together frequently during the racing season, and have gone golfing together.

On January 12, 1967, MI T-6 advised that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM "WEASER" COVELLI of Racine and Kenosha, Wisconsin, respectively, are both working for FRANK BALISTRERI's Milwaukee night clubs with

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most of their time being spent at "The Scene" supervising operations there.

On January 17, 1967, MI T-3 advised that JOHN RIZZO of Racine-Kenosha and WILLIAM "WEASER" COVELLI are both on FRANK BALISTRIER's payroll at The Scene, and downtown Milwaukee night club where RIZZO and COVELLI oversee the operations of the place.

On January 31, 1967, the following article appeared on page 23 of the "Kenosha News":

State Court Rejects Rizzo Appeal

"The state supreme court today refused to take another look at a decision which cleared the way for prosecution of a prominent figure in a Kenosha County John Doe probe of alleged commercial gambling activities.

"The justices turned down a motion by John C. Rizzo, 55, Racine, for another hearing on an unsuccessful appeal to the high court.

"Rizzo was charged in Kenosha County Court with violation of the state's commercial gambling law. After being subpoenaed to testify in the probe he lost bids to Circuit Court and the Supreme Court to halt the prosecution on a claim that he was granted immunity.

"The Supreme Court turned down his appeal Nov. 29, 1966, and refused today to reconsider that decision.

"The justices said in a memo that his request for a rehearing re-argued the same issues that were considered in the earlier appeal."

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On February 8, 1967, MI T-6 advised that JOHN RIZZO and "WEASER" COVELLI continue to work at FRANK BALISTRIERI's night clubs and are usually at The Scene. They act as overseers, take tickets on nights when there is a customer charge for admittance, and perform other duties such as that of doorman. Informant explained that RIZZO and COVELLI may be working for BALISTRIERI since their place in Kenosha, known as La Strada, was closed because of a fire and accordingly they have no place of operation in Kenosha at present.

On February 8, 1967, MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZO is working in Milwaukee for FRANK BALISTRIERI and as a result [redacted] not seen him at all around the west side. Informant stated that he doesn't know if RIZZO has a hand in the gambling operation which he has observed of WILLIAM COVELLI's but that if he doesn't operate in that one he assuredly has one of his own. The source does not have information that RIZZO has been to Illinois for a meeting, and saw him last over the holidays. [redacted]

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By communication dated March 15, 1967, the Las Vegas Division advised that photographs and descriptions of COVELLI and RIZZO furnished to all agents assigned to CIP. The following agents visited various hotels and casinos at night on dates indicated, but did not observe anyone who might be identical with COVELLI or RIZZO:

February 25, 1967 - SAs [redacted]
February 28, 1967 - SAs JOHN R. KINSINGER & [redacted]
March 1, 1967 - SAs [redacted] & JAMES GEORGE THOMAS
March 2, 1967 - SAC DEAN W. ELSON & SA [redacted]

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March 2, 1967-SAs
March 3, 1967-SAs
March 4, 1967-SAs

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At Las Vegas, Nevada

On March 4, 1967, MI T-8 advised that JOHN RIZZO, unknown to him, and did not recognize his photograph.

On March 2, 1967, MI T-9 advised that he did not know JOHN RIZZO and could not recognize his photograph.

On March 31, 1967, MI T-3 advised that JOHN RIZZO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 7, 1967

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

April 7, 1967

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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of the
informants used in the report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-6 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-8 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-9 is [REDACTED]

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 11/6/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/1-10/17/67
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY mk
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Will follow and report on subject's activities from date of instant report. 6 months

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Contacted by

MI T-10 is PCI

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1-USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 11/6/67

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: RIZZO denied hearing by U.S. Supreme Court in May, 1967, re charges of commercial gambling Kenosha, Wis. On 5/23/67 RIZZO fined \$1800 in Kenosha County Court after entering plea of no contest to gambling charge. In August or September, 1967, RIZZO took up residence with [REDACTED]. Confidential sources believe RIZZO continues to maintain contact with FRANK BALISTRIERI in Milwaukee, Wis., and also continues various gambling activities.

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Details: On May 9, 1967 the following news article appeared on page B-9 of the Milwaukee Sentinel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

"A Kenosha (Wis.) man who was charged with commercial gambling as a result of a John Doe probethere, Monday was denied a hearing by the United States supreme court.

"JOHN C. RIZZO had petitioned for the hearing on the ground that he had been granted immunity from prosecution for testifying about gambling in Milwaukee before a John Doe magistrate in Kenosha in October, 1964.

"A warrant charging RIZZO with commercial gambling in Kenosha, between Jan. 1, 1960, and Jan. 28, 1963, was issued on Aug. 5, 1965, after the 21 month long John Doe probe had ended.

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"Attorneys for RIZZO argued that the immunity granted for testimony about Milwaukee gambling should bar prosecution on a charge of gambling elsewhere in the state.

"RIZZO's attorneys argued that their client's rights under the fifth amendment had been violated, because he had been made to testify against himself through the grant of immunity.

"Neither the Kenosha county or circuit courts had accepted the defense arguments, nor did the Wisconsin state supreme court.

"The petition for a hearing before the United States supreme court, filed by Atty. DOMINIC FRINZI, Milwaukee, stated that RIZZO answered three questions pertaining to Milwaukee gambling as a result of the immunity grant.

"The questions and RIZZO's replies, as cited in the petition for a hearing, follow:

"'Did you ever have any connections with the Ogden Social Club in Milwaukee?

"(The Ogden Social club operated at several upper east side locations in Milwaukee until a succession of police gambling raids forced it to close in the early 1950s.)

"'Did you ever pay any money to Milwaukee police officials to operate the Ogden Social club of Milwaukee?

"'Do you have any knowledge regarding the murder of TONY BIERNAT (ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, Kenosha, jukebox distributor found slain in 1963?)

"The abridged transcript of material parts of RIZZO's testimony taken at the John Doe hearing Oct. 13, 1964, before Kenosha County Judge HARRY V. CARLSON, acting as magistrate, was cited in the petition for a hearing, and follows:

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"I used to play dice and cards for money at the Ogden Social club in Milwaukee. The last time I played there was better than six years ago.

"I never took part in the management of the Ogden Social club . . . If I'm not playing, I may go there and work on the stick and help out. A guy named MAURIE was in charge of the Ogden Social club."

"JOE GAGS used to be around there. I don't know whether he had any part in the management.

"I did not have any business connections with FRANK BALISTRERI (sic). A long time ago I met PHIL ALDERISIO in Milwaukee.

"It is possible, but I don't know whether I've ever sat down and had drinks and ate with PHIL ALDERISIO.

"To my knowledge FRANK BALISTRERI (sic) did not have any connection with the Ogden Social club. I have never been in a position to hire anyone to work there.

"I don't remember ever making payments of any kind to officials of the Milwaukee police department to operate the Ogden Social club . . . I have no knowledge of money or gifts being given directly or indirectly to members of the Milwaukee police department.

"I have no knowledge regarding the murder of TONY BIERNAT.

"WILLIAM WHEEZER COVELLI and I have gone to Milwaukee together."

On May 24, 1967 the following news article appeared on page 5-A of the Racine Journal-Times, Racine, Wisconsin:

"A fine of \$1,800 was ordered in Kenosha County Court Tuesday for JOHN C. RIZZO of 1906 Emmertsen Road after he entered a plea of no contest to a charge of commercial gambling.

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"RIZZO appeared after the state and federal supreme courts had rejected his attempts to be granted immunity from prosecution in Kenosha on the basis of immunity granted in Milwaukee in 1964.

"John Doe Witness

"The fine was ordered Tuesday when County Judge EARL D. MORTON found RIZZO guilty after hearing his no contest plea.

"Also fined in the Kenosha court Tuesday was BUSTIANO V. BALESTRERE, a former Kenosha resident now of Kansas City, Mo. He pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of gambling, was fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$287 for state costs for an extradition hearing. He had earlier been charged with aiding and abetting gambling.

"RIZZO was one of eight men who first appeared in court in August, 1965, as a result of gambling charges which stemmed from a John Doe inquiry in Kenosha.

"RIZZO had earlier appeared at a John Doe investigation into gambling in Milwaukee County where he testified after being granted immunity.

"Rejected by Courts

"The state contended the immunity applied only to Milwaukee gambling and RIZZO was charged with gambling in Kenosha. RIZZO argued that the immunity covered both counties and sought a court order to prohibit prosecution in Kenosha. The order was denied and a preliminary hearing on the charge was ordered by Kenosha Circuit Court.

"The State Supreme Court in January affirmed a decision it made last November denying RIZZO a rehearing on his request for the court order.

"The U.S. Supreme Court on May 8 turned down an application from RIZZO for a hearing on his request for the court order."

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On May 25, 1967 MI T-10 advised he had heard from several people that JOHN RIZZO is still active in gambling activities relating to horse racing and that RIZZO makes frequent trips to tracks near Chicago, Illinois, to bet on the horses. MI T-10 also advised that it is alleged that RIZZO may receive the betting "line" via telephone in the Racine area, but stated he had no specific information in this regard.

On October 10, 1967 MI T-2 advised that JOHN RIZZO of Racine-Kenosha, Wisconsin, was spending a lot of time at Sportsman Park in the Chicago, Illinois area. RIZZO bets at the tracks and may also place some bets for his friends in Wisconsin. MI T-2 had no concrete information but surmised that RIZZO probably does some off track booking of bets among people who know him while he is at the tracks. MI T-2 stated he had no reason to believe RIZZO is using any interstate telephone service in connection with his betting at the tracks and that the most that could be said is that he is traveling from his home in Wisconsin to the tracks in Illinois. He further advised that sometimes JOHN RIZZO meets PETER BALISTRERI of Milwaukee at the Chicago area tracks, stating that PETER BALISTRERI was an ardent race horse fan and a compulsive bettor.

On September 13, 1967 MI T-11 advised at sometime within the past month JOHN RIZZO had moved into the residence of [redacted]

[redacted] after selling his previous residence on Emmersen Road, Racine. According to T-11, [redacted] and his residence is a two-family dwelling. MI T-11 stated RIZZO presently has 1968 Wisconsin license N14-753 on his Lincoln sedan and has been seen driving a 1960 Lark Studebaker, pink in color, bearing 1968 Wisconsin license D13-160. MI T-11 believes that RIZZO is still actively engaged in gambling activities but is not aware of any specific details relating thereto.

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On October 11, 1967 MI T-6 advised he has not seen JOHN RIZZO for about three weeks. At that time RIZZO was on the street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the vicinity of The Scene, and MI T-6 assumed that RIZZO

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would have been in contact with or attempting to contact FRANK BALISTRIERI while in the Milwaukee area.

On October 17, 1967 MI T-3 advised he has not seen JOHN RIZZO in the Milwaukee area lately, but believes he is still doing business with FRANK BALISTRIERI.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 6, 1967

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [redacted]
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 7/26/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/28 - 7/22/68
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY bkc
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES

Kansas City letter to Bureau, 1/18/66,
entitled

Report of SA at Milwaukee, 11/6/67; and
Milwaukee letter to Chicago, 5/24/67.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED: NONE						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED <i>15/88B</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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Agency	CC. AAG (Criminal) Division					STAT. SECT.		
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Date Fwd.								
How Fwd.	Section, Room 2524							
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AT ARLINGTON PARK, ILLINOIS

Will report results of contact with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Security Division, regarding subject.

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MILWAUKEE

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

Will maintain contact with available sources.

INFORMANTS

MI T-11 is [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]
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ADMINISTRATIVE

During the period 12/9 through 23/67, [REDACTED]
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DOM PRINCIPE
STEVE DE SALVO
[REDACTED]

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JOHN RIZZO
BILL COVELLI
JOE GURERA
BUSTER BALESTRERE

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
7/26/68

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MI T-11 advised subject supposedly supplied "line" information to one WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, Wisconsin, when the latter was engaged in booking operations. Investigation does not reflect subject presently engaged in any gambling operations.

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Details:

On April 24, 1968, MI T-11 advised that the subject supposedly supplied "line" information to one WILLIAM COVELLI, subject of an anti-racketeering investigation by the Milwaukee Division, when the latter was engaged in book making operations. According to MI T-11, subject allegedly obtained his information from someone in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On April 26, 1968, Detective [REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin, Police Department, Special Investigative Unit, advised the subject continues to reside with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Detective [] said he has observed a pink Studebaker Lark bearing Wisconsin License D13160 in front of this residence along with a Lincoln Continental.

Detective [] stated he has no information indicating that subject is presently engaged in any type of gambling operations.

On May 7, 1968, Detective [] furnished 15 photographs of the subject's residence, vehicles and person to SA []. These photographs were made by Detective [] during a spot check of the subject's residence.

On May 23, 1968, MI T-11 advised he had no information regarding the subject.

On June 20, 1968, a spot check of the subject's residence was conducted by SA [] in the company of Detectives [] and [] of the Racine, Wisconsin, Police Department, with negative results.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 9/12/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/27/68 - 9/10/68
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY lj
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Report of SA at Milwaukee, 7/26/68;
Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 7/30/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report overlaps the investigative period of referenced report in order to include results of investigation conducted by auxiliary divisions which had not been received by the office of origin at the time referenced report was prepared.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED "None"						ACQUIT- TALS None	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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APPROVED <i>E/GRB</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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How Fwd.	Section, Room 2544							

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A copy of this report is being furnished the Chicago Division in view of their interest in subject and to advise Chicago of Milwaukee's action of placing this matter in a P* status.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee and Racine, Wisconsin

Will follow and report on subject's activities six months from date of instant report.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: September 12, 1968

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Security officers, Arlington Park Racetrack, Illinois, advised that as late as 7/23/68, subject has not been active at the track and has not known to have visited the track in the past. Source familiar with subject at Racine, Wisconsin, claims no knowledge of any recent activity by subject.

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Details:

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By communication dated July 30, 1968, the Chicago Division advised as follows:

[redacted] Arlington Park Racetrack, was contacted May 27, 1968, by SA [redacted] relative to the subject's possibly frequenting the racetrack during the current season.

[redacted] said that as a result of previous contacts by the FBI concerning RIZZO, he had RIZZO's photograph on file at the track so that the various agents of the Illinois Bureau of Racetrack Police (IBRTP) would recognize him in the event he came to the track. He stated he would alert the agents to RIZZO's possibly continuing bookmaking activities at the track.

On July 23, 1968, [redacted] advised that neither he nor any of his agents had developed any information concerning RIZZO having conducted bookmaking activities at the track during the current season.

Frequent contact has been maintained with [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department regarding subject and subject's activities in the Racine area. On September 10, 1968, [redacted] advised that no information whatsoever had been brought to his attention within the recent past which would indicate that subject is presently engaged in any type of gambling operation in the Racine area.

On September 10, 1968, a spot check was made of subject's residence, 4151 West Boulevard, Racine, Wisconsin, by SA [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin Police Department with negative results.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 5/14/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/23/68 - 5/2/69
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY els
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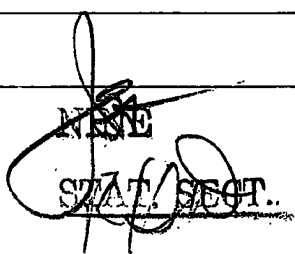
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Report of SA at Milwaukee, 9/12/68, and Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 9/30/68.

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ADMINISTRATION

In view of information set out below regarding Subject's alleged bookmaking activity a separate case will be opened under the ITAR - Gambling character. Consequently, this case is being placed in a closed status and all future pertinent information will be reported under the new character.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS NONE	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS
APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW			
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On 8/23/68, [] advised SA [] that he has not seen the subject at Arlington Park Race Track during the current racing season, nor had he had any contact with him concerning horse betting. b6 b7C b7D

PCI [] advised on 12/3/68, that JOHN RIZZO was running a bookmaking operation in Kenosha, and that he also knew an individual whose name he refused to reveal who was running a small, discreet bookmaking operation in Green Bay, Wisconsin. b6 b7C b7D

On 1/15/69, [] advised he is acquainted with RIZZO but knows of no present activity that RIZZO might be engaged in. Informant advised that RIZZO is financially well set and does not have to do anything in order to live well. b7D

On 2/19/69, Detective [], Confidential Squad, Racine, Wisconsin, PD, advised he received information regarding one [], address unknown, from his attorney, [] b6 b7C

This information dealt with []

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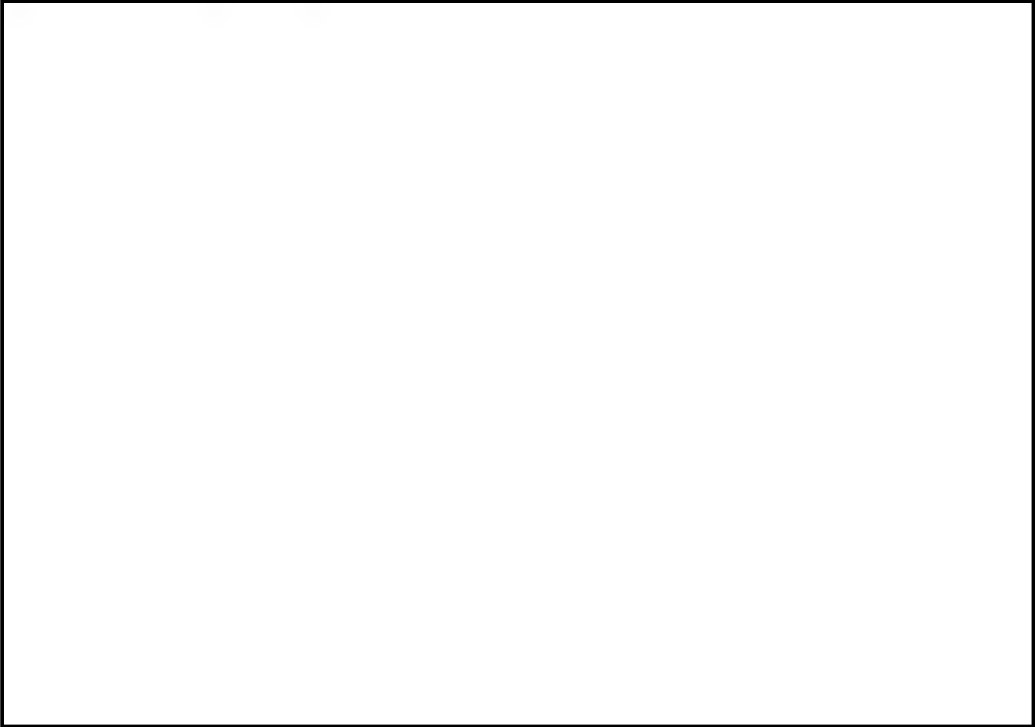
Detective [] said he subsequently contacted Detectives [] and [], Milwaukee PD, who generally confirmed the information furnished by [] b6 b7C

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On the same date, Detective [redacted]
Milwaukee PD, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that
he and Detectives [redacted] and [redacted]



On 3/21/69, Detective [redacted] advised that
during the night of 3/20-21/69, the following warrants
were issued and executed with the exception as noted
below:

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All of the above, with the exception of [redacted] were arrested during the above dates and were thereafter released on bond. [redacted] was determined to be in Florida and has not, therefore, been apprehended.

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Detective [redacted] advised that this office anticipates further commercial gambling matters on [redacted] and possibly [redacted]

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On the same date, Detective [redacted] expressed fear that the [redacted] arrest may cause retaliation against [redacted] which he based his fear on the fact that [redacted] is closely associated with JOHN RIZZO (Milwaukee file 92-164) and that RIZZO is tightly connected with FRANK BALISTRIERI and possibly with members of the Chicago Italian hoodlum element.

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On 3/26/69, [redacted] advised that while



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On 4/7/69, [redacted] advised that he was

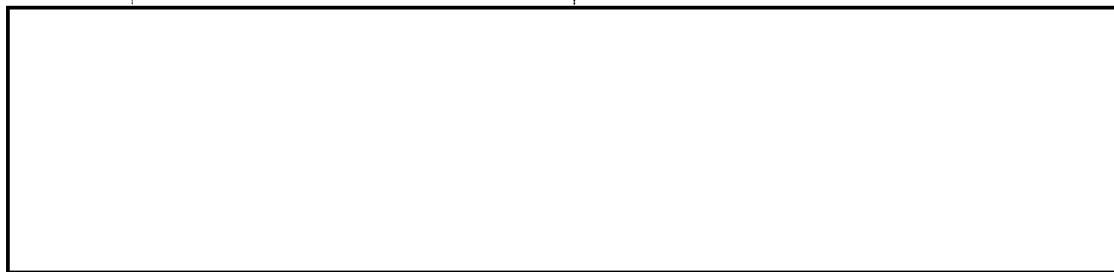


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The informant pointed out that [redacted] had placed a volume of bets with a Racine [redacted]. The informant did not believe [redacted] was a bookmaker, but was merely acting as a runner for JOHN RIZZO, whom the informant knows to be a substantial bookmaker in the Racine-Kenosha area.

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On 5/2/69, [redacted] advised RIZZO used to run gambling in Kenosha and was WHEEZER COVELLI's boss at the time. Informant says he has not heard anything about RIZZO being active at the present time, but would attempt to determine if this was the case.

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INFORMANT

MI T-1 is identified as [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

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MI T-2 is identified as [redacted] contacted by SA DANIEL E. BRANDT.

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MI T-3 is identified as [redacted] contacted by SA DANIEL E. BRANDT.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONb6
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Copy to: 1-USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: May 14, 1969

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: MI T-1 did not observe subject at Arlington Park Race Track during 8/68. Other sources advised subject taking book in Racine, Wisconsin, at the present time and may be "lay off" man for one

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DETAILS: CHICAGO DIVISION

On August 23, 1968, MI T-1 advised he had not observed the subject at Arlington Park Race Track during the current racing season.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

On December 3, 1968, MI T-2 advised that subject was allegedly running a bookmaking operation in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

On April 7, 1969, MI T-3 advised [REDACTED] was known to him and described him as an individual who had lost considerable amounts of money betting during a period of several years with Milwaukee bookmakers. MI T-3 believed [REDACTED] had placed a large volume of bets with a Racine [REDACTED] named [REDACTED]. This informant did not believe [REDACTED] was a bookmaker but was merely acting as a runner for one JOHN RIZZO who is known as a substantial bookmaker in the Racine-Kenosha, Wisconsin area.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 14, 1969**

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

**Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
 at Milwaukee, dated and
 captioned as above.**

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 10/15/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/3/73 - 10/4/73
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY bc
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCEMilwaukee report of SA dated 5/14/69.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period of this report is lengthy; however, this case has been kept current through intra-office contacts and contact with other interested agencies.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is identified as [redacted] who was contacted by SA EUGENE D. MURPHY. b7D

MI T-2 is identified as [redacted] who was contacted by SA EUGENE D. MURPHY. b7D

MI T-3 is identified as [redacted] who was contacted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

MI T-4 is identified as [redacted] who was contacted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

Will continue efforts to determine possible betting activities of subject.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1- USA, MILWAUKEE
1- AIC, (Attorney in Charge, Chicago Field Office,
[redacted] (RM)

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: October 15, 1973

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: MI T-1 and MI T-2 have observed subject in association with known gamblers of criminal element in the Milwaukee area. MI T-3 advised subject is placing bets with well known local gamblers. MI T-4 advised that in the past subject has proven illusive to surveillance, but has been known to use one particular pay phone in what is believed to be an effort to place bets.

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DETAILS:

On June 3, 1973, MI T-1 advised that RIZZO attended a graduation party in honor of JOHN BALISTRIERI, son of FRANK BALISTRIERI, Milwaukee La Cosa Nostra (LCN) boss. This celebration was attended by approximately 1,000 people, many of whom are associated with the criminal element in the Milwaukee area.

On June 25, 1973, MI T-2 advised that subject was in attendance at the BALISTRIERI graduation party. This source stated that most of the people present were friendly and associated with FRANK BALISTRIERI and that included individuals from Madison, Wisconsin, as well as some out-of-state guests.

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On September 26, 1973, MI T-3 advised that RIZZO is a betting customer of [] subject of MI 166-507. Source advised that he has been unable to determine the type of betting taking place between these individuals; however, source stated that [] was known to take horse bets year round and therefore is of the opinion that some type of horse betting is taking place between RIZZO and []

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On October 3, 1973, MI T-4 stated that the subject is known to him to be very "tail conscious" inasmuch as RIZZO has been able to identify police surveillance attempts. Source also advised that surveillance of RIZZO's home may prove difficult inasmuch as RIZZO has a very good view of his street from a large picture window in the front of his home. The source further advised that in the past, RIZZO has been known to use a phone booth located in a supermarket on Douglas Avenue, in Racine, to place telephone calls that could possibly involve some type of betting.

On the same date, observations were made of supermarkets along Douglas Avenue and there are three major supermarkets located along that street and that three of these have pay telephones that could have possibly been used by RIZZO. These are Kohl's, Sentry and Piggly-Wiggly.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Re Milwaukee report of
 SA [REDACTED]
 dated 10/15/73.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed
in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 12/28/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/17 - 12/20/73
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY eas
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LEADSMILWAUKEE DIVISIONAt Racine, Wisconsin

Will continue investigation into subject's possible gambling activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES					
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MI T-1 is [REDACTED] Racine Credit Bureau,
Racine, Wisconsin, contacted by SA [REDACTED] on
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[redacted] (RM)

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: December 28, 1973

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Investigation in Racine, Wisconsin area reflects possible connection between subject and other known racketeers.

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DETAILS:

On October 23, 1973, a surveillance of the subject's residence at 4151 North West Boulevard, Racine, Wisconsin, resulted in the observance of a 1967 white over green Lincoln bearing Wisconsin plates W13182. This vehicle is registered to JOSEPHINE RIZZO, wife of subject, 4151 North West Boulevard, Racine.

On October 17, 1973, a review of the records of the Racine Police Department concerning the subject determined that the subject has had no recent arrests and that the most current address listed by the subject is 4115 West Boulevard, Racine, Wisconsin. Surveillance of this residence on October 23, 1973 determined that the residence is a two-family structure, also occupied by [redacted] As surveillance was being conducted, the subject was seen to appear dressed in pajamas at a large picture window in the upstairs portion of the residence.

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Additional surveillance conducted on October 24, 1973 resulted in the sighting of a green 1967 Lincoln automobile bearing Wisconsin plates W 13182 parked in the driveway of the residence. This automobile is registered to JOSEPHINE RIZZO, 4151 West Boulevard, and is a four-door automatic vehicle bearing serial number 7y82g818634.

On October 26, 1973, MI T-1 advised that the files of her company showed that the subject lists his occupation as retired and that the company is aware of a tax lien against the subject in 1965 and that the subject has a record for possession of counterfeit gas ration coupons in 1944 as was noted in the "Racine Journal" newspaper.

MI T-1 also stated that that department is aware of a previous gambling conviction against the subject in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Source also advised that there has been no inquiry regarding the subject since 1969 in that he has been in their files since 1926.

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MI T-1 also advised that [REDACTED]

A physical surveillance of the residence at 4151 West Boulevard, Racine, resulted in the sighting of a red Chevrolet bearing 1974 Wisconsin plates [REDACTED]. This vehicle bore a University of Wisconsin decal attached to the rear window. It was determined that this vehicle, a 1967 Two-door Chevrolet, is registered to [REDACTED]

On October 31, 1973, a surveillance of the subject's residence resulted in the observance of a 1969 black four-door Buick, bearing Wisconsin License [REDACTED]. This vehicle is registered to [REDACTED]

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On November 5, 1973, during a physical surveillance of the subject's residence, a 1966 black Lincoln Continental was observed to be parked in the yard of that residence. This vehicle bore Wisconsin License [REDACTED]. This vehicle is registered to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is employed by the [REDACTED]

On November 19, 1973, a blue 1970 Chevrolet bearing Wisconsin Plates [REDACTED] was observed to be parked in the yard of the subject's residence. This vehicle is registered to [REDACTED] wife, [REDACTED] is employed by the [REDACTED]

On December 3, 1973, Inspector [REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin Police Department, advised that he, on several occasions, has observed RIZZO using a pay phone located in the Sentry Food Store in the Rapids Drive Plaza Shopping Center of Racine. It is noted that it has been RIZZO's previous modus operandi to use a pay telephone to conduct his gambling operations. Surveillance of the aforementioned pay telephone conducted on December 7, December 11, December 14, and December 18, 1973, met with negative results.

On December 20, 1973, [REDACTED] Records Clerk, Racine Police Department, provided the following information:

Name
Date of birth
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Sex
Place of birth
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On the same date, Inspector [] stated that subject RIZZO is a close associate of [] [], all known local racketeers. [] stated that until a few years ago these individuals regularly met on Thursday nights at the Corner House Restaurant in Racine, [] These meetings, which took place between midnight and the early morning hours, were also frequented by organized crime related individuals from the Chicago area. [] stated that although to his knowledge these meetings no longer occur, he believes that these individuals continue to closely associate with each other. [] further stated that RIZZO and his wife have a very close relationship with [] [] and, in fact, RIZZO built the house in which the RIZZO's and [] currently reside. [] stated that he considers the [] to be very loyal to the subject and would expect little help from [] in an investigation of the subject. [] also stated that attempts by his department to surveil RIZZO have proven futile inasmuch as RIZZO staggers his departure times and has been known to leave his residence as early as 4:30 a.m. and as late as 2:00 p.m.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
December 28, 1973

Title	JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
Character	ANTI-RACKETEERING
Reference	Milwaukee report of SA dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 3-29-74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/8/74 - 3/22/74
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY mjk
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

REFERENCES

Milwaukee report of SA [REDACTED] dated December 28, 1973.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted] who was contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

MI T-2 is [redacted] who was contacted by SA [redacted]

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Racine, Wisconsin.

1. Will continue investigation of subject's possible gambling activities.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, MILWAUKEE (RM)
1 - CHICAGO (ATTORNEY IN CHARGE, CHICAGO FIELD OFFICE,
[REDACTED] (RM)

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

MILWAUKEE

Date:

MARCH 29, 1974

Field Office File #:

MI 92-164

Bureau File #:

92-5012

Title:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Investigation at Racine, Wisconsin, indicates subject was taking extensive betting action on the recent Super Bowl game. Information also developed that RIZZO is a close associate of a convicted local gambler and frequents a bar where much gambling activity is believed to be taking place.

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Sources whose identities are concealed herein, have furnished reliable information in the past, unless otherwise noted.

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Details:

On January 8, 1974, MI T-1, advised that he recently overheard [REDACTED]

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On the same date, MI T-2, advised that RIZZO is an associate of [REDACTED], who is the subject of a Milwaukee FBI investigation concerning his racketeering activities and that RIZZO is also a frequent associate of [REDACTED] of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MI T-2 also stated that RIZZO frequently visits the Valley Health System of Racine.

On January 26, 1974, the FBI Identification Division provided the following arrest record for RIZZO:

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

The following FBI record, NUMBER 4 004 975

, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Milwaukee, Wis.	John Charles Rizzo, #42356	9-30-43	inmate gambling house.	10-29-43, \$10. costs.
U.S. Secret Service, Milwaukee 1, Wis.	John Charles Rizzo, #J-9-30215	4-18-44	Iller. poss. and trafficking in cft. gas ration coons.	
U.S. Marshal, Milwaukee, Wis.	John Charles Rizzo #2007	4-18-44	transferring counterfeit C-2 gas coupons	\$1,000 bail
PD Kenosha Wis	John Charles Rizzo #4311	12-12-53	inmate of gambling house	\$25 bond forfeit
PD Kenosha Wis	John Charles Rizzo #1333A	8-5-65	commercial gambling	\$1800 bail 1 yr Co.

Notations indicated by * ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on data formerly furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

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On February 14, 1974, Inspector [redacted] Racine Police Department, advised that he believes that RIZZO may frequent the Cham-Tap Tavern, 2511 Durand Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, a business under investigation by the Milwaukee FBI Office because of possible gambling activities. Inspector [redacted] stated that this business, although, not in a particularly desirable area, is frequented by individuals who drive large, late model automobiles, such as Lincolns, Cadillacs, and Buicks. Inspector [redacted] stated that the owners of some of these automobiles are known by his department, as bettors, especially on horse racing.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 7/19/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/15/74 - 7/5/74
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY cal
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REFERENCES

Milwaukee report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/29/74.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period of this report is lengthy; however, case has been kept current through contact with other interested investigative agencies.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Racine, Wisconsin

Will continue investigation of possible gambling activities of subject.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 7/19/74

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Investigation at Racine, Wisconsin reflects that subject recently purchased a new Lincoln Continental which continues to be registered under name of subject's wife.

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Details: Spot surveillance conducted at subject's residence on April 15, 1974 determined that subject is now in possession of a 1973 green Lincoln Continental. It appears that subject no longer possesses the 1967 green Lincoln inasmuch as the new automobile bears Wisconsin license W13182, the same license as was attached to the older automobile. This vehicle continues to be registered to the subject's wife, JOSEPHINE RIZZO. It is further noted that the name of the street on which subject resides has been changed from West Boulevard to Coachlight Drive. Therefore, correct address for subject is 4151 Coachlight Drive, Racine, Wisconsin. Additional spot surveillances conducted for subject on April 23, 1974, May 2, 1974, and May 16, 1974 resulted only in the sighting of the previously described 1973 Lincoln and the 1969 Buick registered to [REDACTED]

On May 17, 1974, Inspector [REDACTED] Racine Police Department, advised that he knew of no recent information concerning RIZZO.

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On May 5, 1974, Investigator [] Intelligence Division, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department advised that his department is in receipt of no new information concerning the gambling activities of RIZZO. Investigator [] advised that he recently observed RIZZO in the company of [] a local lawyer who was previously convicted on state gambling charges.

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Continuous contact was maintained during May, June and on July 5, 1974.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 10/25/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/29/74 - 10/18/74
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY cal
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Milwaukee report of SA , dated 7/19/74.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Milwaukee is considering this matter closed inasmuch as investigation has failed to reflect substantive violation by the subject. Appropriate sources have been advised to continue to be alert for illegal activities in which the subject may be engaged and to immediately advise should they become aware of such activities.

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On 7/29/74, [] advised that she has no recent knowledge of any illegal activities in which RIZZO might be engaged. b7D

On 10/18/74, the above source stated that she continues to be in possession of no information concerning illegal activities by the subject. The source was advised to continue to be alert for any illegal activities in which the subject might be engaged and to immediately report these activities should they become known to her.

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1 - USA, Milwaukee
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Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 10/25/74

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Periodic contacts with the Intelligence Unit, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department, have resulted in receipt of information that that unit is aware of no new information concerning any illegal activities in which the subject might be engaged.

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Details: On July 29, 1974, Investigator [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Racine Police Department advised that he is aware of no illegal activities involving the subject.

On September 18, 1974, Investigator [redacted] was again contacted and advised that he continues to be in receipt of no new information concerning the activities of RIZZO. Investigator [redacted] stated that it is well known that the subject is a football bettor and is believed to have booked some bets in the past. [redacted] also stated that his department has attempted several surveillances in the past on RIZZO during the football season; however, these attempts have met with negative results inasmuch as RIZZO is always alert to the possibility of being followed.

On October 18, 1974, Investigator [redacted] advised that attempts by officer of his department to determine the current

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activities of RIZZO have met with negative results. [redacted] stated that he has determined that the subject has recently been suffering from an unknown illness and apparently has curtailed his gambling activities.

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